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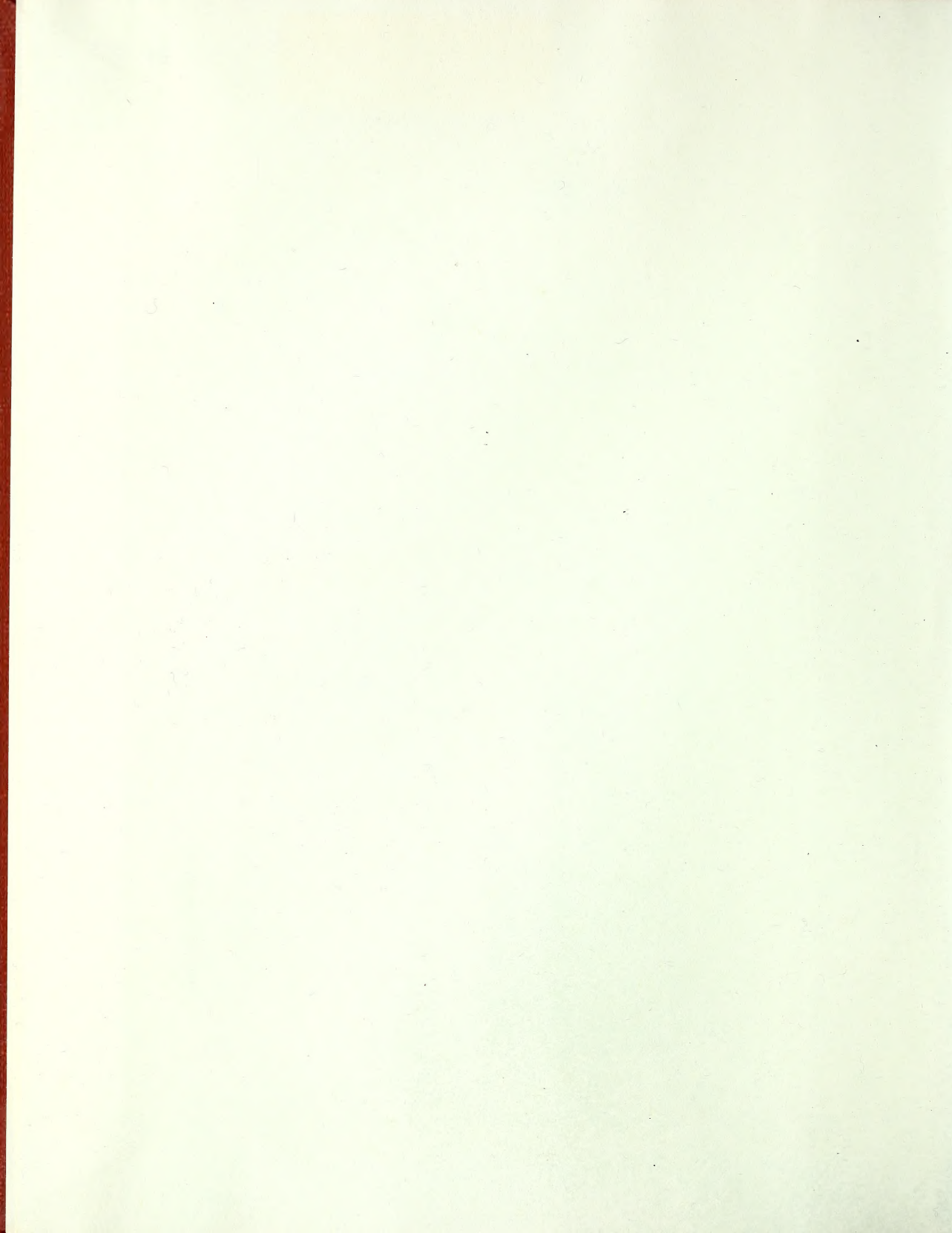
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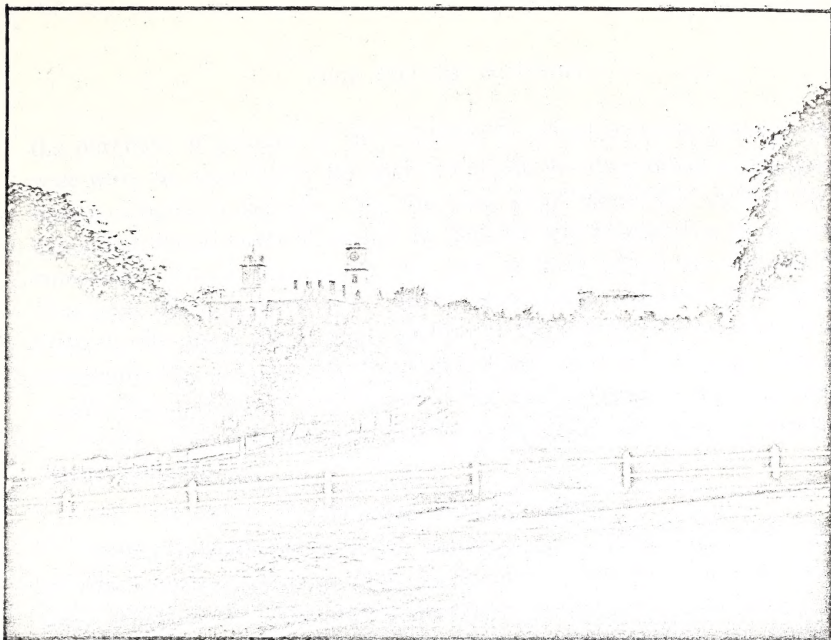
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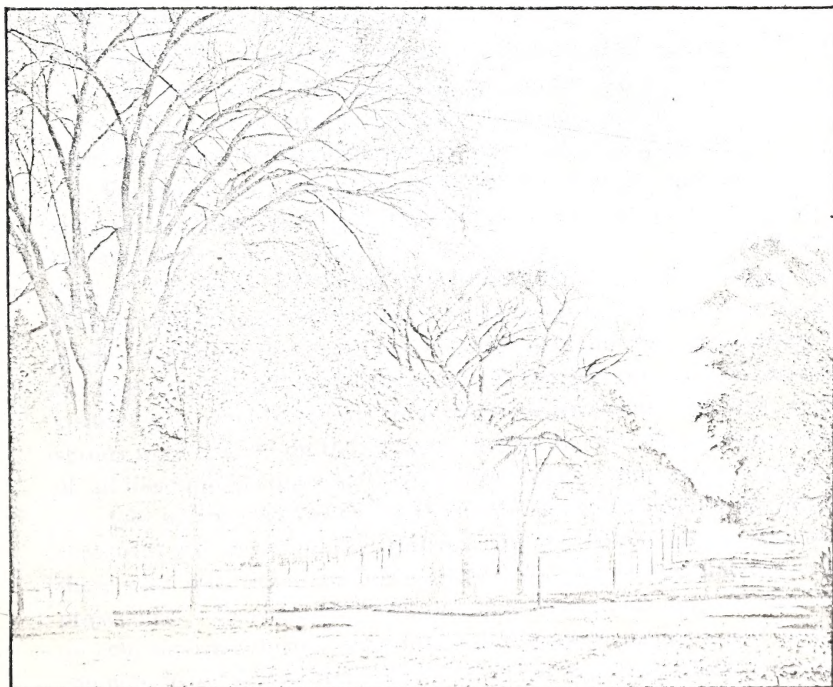
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the purchase of ground of the cemetery association, or to arrange otherwise with the association for such burial lots on its ground as the town is by law obliged to provide. For the past eight years the association has expended liberal sums of money in the care and beautifying of Wildwood cemetery. Finely located, on the rise of land which was christened by President Edward Hitchcock "Mount Pleasant," affording a magnificent view of the most picturesque section of the Connecticut Valley, its crest surmounted by a heavy growth of grand old forest trees, Nature has made of Wildwood cemetery a garden-spot for the living, a noble sepulcher for the dead. The best that man can do is to preserve therein the beauties of Nature's handiwork.

#### VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT.

When, in 1788, the town of Amherst narrowed its highways and sold the lands thus acquired to abutters, the committee who laid out the new ways reserved, in some places, the whole breadth of the old highways for "particular or public use." These reservations included the lands now known as commons at the center village, at East and South Amherst. In the early years of the Nineteenth century, the village common south of College hill was used as a military parade ground. In 1840, that portion lying west of the college lot was granted by the town to Amherst College, to be used for college purposes only; the Lawrence observatory stands upon this land. North of College hill the common was used as pasture-land and there was a frog-pond near the center. April 1, 1833, the town authorized the selectmen to enclose the common north of College hill, and make such improvements thereon as they deemed expedient.

For many years the grass grown on the common was sold at auction and the proceeds paid into the treasury of the fire companies. The amount realized was from \$20 to \$30 per annum. The common was utilized on nearly all public occasions. After the founding of Amherst College, commencement-day became the great day of the year in town, its glories overshadowing those even of July 4th and "general muster" day. On commencement-day the common was the general place of assembly for visitors who came in crowds from neighboring towns. Booths, tents and stands were erected on the common, and pedlars, auctioneers and "fakirs" of all descriptions made it their headquarters. For several years liquor was sold without license or interference, but the rising tide of temperance sentiment put an end to the practice, the selectmen giving warning that those who sold liquor on the common on commencement-day would be prosecuted. In 1856, the town received \$30.75 for rent of the common on commencement-day. The first cattle-show in Amherst was held on the common in 1846, and from that time on the shows were held there annually





until 1859, when the common having passed out of the control of the selectmen, the agricultural society was forced to seek new grounds. The highway on the west side of the common was much higher than the common itself, but as the highway was cut down and the common filled in the grades were equalized.

Village improvement was a matter which engaged but little the attention of the earlier inhabitants of the town. They were too much engrossed in solving the sterner problems of existence to devote much time or thought to questions of gentler import. To them the beauty of utility appealed more forcibly than the utility of beauty. Some of them recognized the fact that the town and its surroundings possessed great natural beauties, yet they took little pains to preserve these beauties intact or to add to them in any way. The General Court passed, in 1853, an act providing that any ten or more persons in any county, town or city within the state who shall, by agreement in writing, associate for the purpose of encouraging agriculture, horticulture, or improving and ornamenting the streets and public squares of any town or city by planting and cultivating ornamental trees therein, may become a corporation by such name as they shall assume therefor, by calling their first meeting and being organized in the manner provided in the 41st Chapter of the Revised Statutes. Under the provisions of this act, in September, 1857, the following petition was addressed to Edward Dickinson, Esq., a justice of the peace in and for the county of Hampshire :

"We the undersigned citizens of Amherst in said county being desirous of forming an association for the purpose of ornamenting and beautifying the public grounds of this town, under the Statutes of this Commonwealth, Chapter 312, Acts of 1853, respectfully request you to call in accordance with the provisions of that Statute a meeting of the undersigned for the purpose of organization agreeable to law."

This petition bore twenty-two signatures, headed by those of I. F. Conkey, James W. Boyden and E. F. Cook. Justice Dickinson issued his warrant, dated Sept. 8, addressed to Mirick N. Spear, directing him to summon the subscribers to meet at his book-store, Sept. 15. The meeting was held as warned and H. C. Nash was elected president *pro tem.* and W. A. Dickinson secretary *pro tem.* At an adjourned meeting held Sept. 16, a committee of six was appointed to solicit additional names for membership. At a meeting held Sept. 8, a committee of three was appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws. They reported at a meeting held Oct. 5, their report being accepted and adopted. The first article in the constitution reads as follows :

"This association shall be called The Amherst Ornamental Tree Association, the object of which shall be the laying out and ornamenting the public common,



the general improvement and adornment of the various public walks throughout the village by grading, graveling and lining with trees where there are any deficiencies, and to do anything which may render the public grounds and ways of our village more attractive and beautiful."

Any person might become a member of the association on payment of \$3. Officers were elected as follows: President, R. B. Hubbard; vice-presidents, I. F. Conkey, W. C. Fowler, H. C. Nash; secretary, O. D. Hunt; treasurer, A. R. Henderson; executive committee, E. F. Cook, L. D. Cowles, M. N. Spear, Henry Holland, W. W. Hunt, W. W. Smith, W. A. Dickinson. At a meeting held Oct. 12, it was voted to obtain permission of the selectmen to enclose and control the common. The town, at a special meeting held Nov. 3, 1857, voted "That the town grant to the Amherst Ornamental Tree Association the use and control of the public common in the center of the town subject to the approval of the selectmen of the town." March 12, 1858, a committee was appointed to see if arrangements could be made for a fair and a concert by local talent, for the benefit of the association. The executive committee was authorized to have any filling done about the pond on the common that should be deemed necessary. When the question was raised as to how the necessary funds should be secured, H. C. Nash proposed that the members of the association pay the bills from their own pockets; a collection was taken from which \$40 was realized. At a meeting held March 29, plans were adopted for laying out the common. Considerable work in the line of grading and filling was done upon the common in the summer of 1858, under the supervision of William W. Smith. At a meeting held Oct. 18, 1858, the executive committee was authorized to plant such a number of trees and on such places in the common as they should deem best.

The record book of the association contains no minute of meetings between the dates October, 1858 and October, 1863, and, after the latter date, there is no further entry until 1867. The *Express* makes the following announcement under date of Jan. 15, 1864: "B. W. Allen has purchased fifty nice shade trees of different varieties, and engaged a man to set them out on the common this spring." There was a fountain on the common in 1861. Feb. 18, 1867, it was voted that all work on the common should be left in the hands of the executive committee. April 26, 1871, a committee was chosen to attend to all repairs and sell the grass upon the common. The work of grading and filling was continued in the summer of 1874, and at a meeting held Oct. 23, the committee in charge of the work reported that the improvements so far made had cost the association \$189.72. The most comprehensive and successful work of the association was carried on in the summer and fall of 1875. At a meeting held March 6, a plan for improving the common, prepared by the distinguished land-





scape gardener, Frederick Law Olmsted, at the request of William A. Dickinson, was submitted to the association, which decided to proceed with the work in accordance with this plan. A letter was read, written by Mr. Olmsted, and giving instructions and directions concerning the setting of trees and other improvements. It was voted that the selectmen be requested to place the money raised for sidewalks in the hands of the association; voted, also, that the matter of grading and otherwise improving the common remain as heretofore under the supervision of R. W. Stratton and H. D. Fearing.

The association was reorganized, April 13, 1877, under the name of the "Village Improvement Association." April 23, 1879, it was voted that the by-laws be amended or altered so as to admit ladies to membership, and Nov. 5 of the same year five lady members were added to the executive committee. The association, in addition to its regular work, secured the removal of telegraph poles and hay-scales from the common. May 3, 1879, a committee was appointed to solicit funds for keeping the common in order and for grading at the south end. Oct. 6 of the same year, the executive committee was authorized to complete the grading on the west side of the common. The selectmen, in their report to the town for the year ending Feb. 15, 1883, stated that the association had expended more than \$3,000 on the common, over \$1,000 having been spent in the past two years. This money was nearly all the voluntary contribution of members. The town valuation of real estate fronting on the common in 1857, when the association was organized, was \$69,925; in twenty-five years it had risen in value to \$238,785. The town had been greatly improved by the work done without expense to the public. At the annual meeting in March, 1883, the town appropriated \$150 for a drinking fountain, with the understanding that it was to be located at the center, but there was such an urgent demand for a fountain at East Amherst the selectmen deemed it advisable to erect two, the one at the East village for watering horses, and a more ornamental one upon the common at the center; the Village Improvement association contributed \$55 toward the expense of the latter. This fountain, while tasteful in design, proved inconvenient as a watering-place for horses, so it was taken down and an iron tank erected in its place.

At a meeting of the association held April 9, 1883, a committee was appointed to look after the improvement of certain streets. This action was repeated in following years and has become an established feature of the association's work. April 23, 1891, it was voted that no bulletin boards be allowed upon the common and that no bills shall be posted upon the trees. April 19, 1892, the executive committee was instructed to confer with the directors of the Board of Trade, to secure coöperation on





matters relating to the improvement of the village. In 1893, settees were placed upon the common and since then have been allowed to remain there during the summer months. The beautiful village common as it appears to-day is a monument to the wisdom, good taste and generosity of the founders of the Amherst Ornamental Tree association, and their worthy successors down to the present time.

May 24, 1864, the town voted to authorize the citizens of East Amherst to fence and ornament their common. In the early '70's, the town voted to grant to the East parish the privilege of cutting and selling the grass on the common at East Amherst. This common was at the time, and for many years thereafter, a strip of vacant land grown up to grass and weeds, adding nothing to the beauty of the village. April 10, 1882, a meeting was held at the chapel of the Second Congregational church for the purpose of organizing an association for village improvement. Committees were appointed to prepare a constitution, to solicit names for membership and to confer with residents on the street running north and south as to whether one or two roads should be laid out along the common. At a meeting held April 18, a constitution was reported and adopted. The name selected was "The Village Improvement Society of East Amherst." Its object was "to improve and ornament the streets and public grounds of the place, by planting and cultivating trees, clearing and repairing sidewalks and doing such other things as shall tend to beautify and adorn said streets and grounds." Any person over 16 years of age who should annually plant and protect a tree under the direction of the executive committee, or should pay 50 cents annually in money or labor, might become a member of the association. Any person under 16 years of age who should pay 25 cents annually in money or labor might become a junior member. The annual meeting was to be held in April, special meetings on call of the executive committee. Officers were elected as follows: President, C. O. Parmenter; vice-presidents, L. H. Allen, Mrs. G. E. Fisher; secretary, G. E. Fisher; treasurer, O. P. Gaylord.

At a meeting held May 8, after considering various plans and consulting with abutters on the highway running north and south, it was voted to lay out two highways, one on either side of the common. The selectmen were requested to make the necessary changes, but found they had no money they could use in doing the work proposed. The driveway along the west side of the common was discontinued from the south side of the school-house lot to the junction with the road leading to Belchertown, and a new road was built across the south end of the common. The driveway discontinued was laid in 1849 for the benefit of Oliver Watson, who conducted a shoe-factory at East Amherst, and was laid out in the limits of the old county road. After it was discontinued, the abutters began to



cut the grass on the common in front of their premises, claiming that the land had reverted to them. At the annual town meeting held in March, 1883, the town voted to instruct its selectmen to petition the county commissioners to establish the boundaries of the East Amherst common. An appropriation of \$100 was passed to be used in constructing a road at East Amherst. The county commissioners established the boundaries of the common, but as the land was shown to be a part of the county road there was no means to prevent any person who desired from driving over it in any direction, thus rendering futile any attempt to beautify it and maintain it as a common in the general acceptance of the term. To obviate this difficulty, special legislation was necessary. A bill was drawn up, presented to the General Court and passed, giving to towns the right to grant vacant lands in highways, not needed for travel purposes, to associations organized for village improvement. In 1883, the selectmen laid out two travel-ways, one on either side of the common.

At a meeting of the association held Aug. 17, 1883, Prof. H. B. Adams offered a prize of \$10 to the person who made the greatest improvement about his or her premises previous to April, 1884. At a meeting held Nov. 12, the association gratefully acknowledged a gift of \$25 received from Charles D. Adams of New York city. A committee was appointed to superintend the work of grading at the lower end of the common. At a meeting held Dec. 5, a report was submitted of the work accomplished. The officers were instructed to petition the selectmen to put an article in the warrant for the annual meeting to see if the town would authorize the society to make proposed improvements on the common. The town, at its annual meeting in March, 1884, voted to "grant the use and control of the area contained within the newly constructed travel tracks at East Amherst to the Village Improvement association of that place, the same to be used and set apart as a public common, subject to the approval and supervision of the selectmen." The town also voted an appropriation of \$100 to complete the highways at East Amherst, a measure strongly opposed by some residing in that section, who claimed rights in the highways. The student of history will readily discern in this controversy an echo of the Morton-Dickinson contest which began 138 years earlier. The work of improvement on the common carried on during the year 1883 cost the society more than \$100.

In April, 1885, the society was reorganized in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 114 of the Public Statutes. Its name was changed to the "East Amherst Improvement Society"; its purpose, "improvement of the public grounds in that part of Amherst known as East Amherst." The constitution was signed by 16 persons. At a meeting held April 28, officers were elected as follows: President, C. O. Parmenter: vice-presi-





dents, L. H. Allen, Herbert Sabin; clerk, G. E. Thayer; treasurer, L. L. Ball. A number of trees were set out on the common in May, 1885. A resident at East Amherst cut down three of these trees, for which offense he was summoned before the superior court. After many postponements the case was brought to trial, the judge directing the jury to bring in a verdict for the society. Since that time the rights of the society in the common have been respected. The common was plowed up and seeded to grass and presents a greatly improved appearance, although there is much work yet to be done. Sept. 25, 1894, the society's constitution was amended, so as to make its expressed purpose "first, to improve the intellectual and social life of the community." Since that time the society has assumed more of a literary character.

April 2, 1883, the "Village Improvement Society of South Amherst, Mass." was organized at a meeting held at the South Congregational church. A constitution was adopted; the object of the society was declared to be, "to promote by all practical measures the improvement and beauty of public and private property in South Amherst." Any person might become a member by signing the constitution and paying 25 cents into the treasury. The annual meeting was to be held the first Monday in April. The following officers were elected: President, Parnell Munson; vice-president, J. F. Morell; secretary and treasurer, C. S. Walker; executive committee, J. F. Morell, James Hunt, H. P. Bridgman. The secretary was instructed to inform the selectmen of the organization of the society and obtain from them the use and control of the common. At its annual meeting in March, 1883, the town had voted that the use and control of the South Amherst common be granted to a village improvement association, subject to the approval of the selectmen, as soon as an association should be formed consisting of ten members. At a meeting held April 16, the executive committee submitted a plan for ploughing the common, planting it with potatoes, laying out roads and walks and improving the grounds in front of the church. At the annual meeting in April, 1884, the executive committee reported that but little work had been done during the year on account of the drouth and a lack of funds. Sept. 1, the committee reported that a fair crop of potatoes had been raised on the common and was ready to harvest. The committee was instructed to see to digging and marketing the crop. The society held a field-day, Sept. 11, grading the common, straightening its borders and laying out a new road in place of the old one in front of the church.

The society was reorganized under the provisions of statute law, June 10, 1885, assuming the name of the "South Amherst Improvement Society." The following officers were elected: President, Erastus Coy; vice-president, J. W. Dana; secretary and treasurer, C. S. Walker; exec-





utive committee, Parnell Munson, H. P. Bridgman, Mrs. J. F. Morell. The constitution was signed by 35 persons. At a special town meeting held in June, 1885, the town defined the boundaries of the common at South Amherst and gave the use and control of the land within the prescribed limits to the South Amherst Improvement society. In September, 1886, members of the society and others graded the north part of the common and seeded it down to grass. At a meeting held Sept. 26, 1887, the society voted to purchase and erect three street lights. In April, 1889, a number of trees were set out upon the common. As early as 1890, the society began to agitate the question of cemetery improvement, and committees were appointed from year to year to have charge of the work. At a meeting held April 3, 1893, the society voted to spend \$10 in building a new road in the cemetery. It was voted to take measures to keep waste paper and rubbish off the streets and to request the selectmen to erect guide-boards at the street corners. At a meeting held April 1, 1895, it was voted that ball-playing upon the common should be prohibited except on July 4 and Labor-day.

The village of North Amherst has no common, but the spirit of village improvement was early developed there, manifesting itself in the excellent care of highways, walks, and the general neat appearance of public and private property. The "North Amherst Village Improvement Association" was organized Nov. 9, 1888. Its expressed object was "to secure the improvement in appearance of our public grounds including the highways, the grounds about the school-house and those about the church, to increase so far as possible their convenience to the public, and in general to foster and promote such public spirit in all matters pertaining to neatness about our homes and consideration for one another's welfare as will make our village more desirable as a place of residence." Any male resident of North Amherst might become a member on signing the constitution and paying into the treasury the sum of 50 cents. Any woman might become a member by signing the constitution. The officers first elected were: President, Henry W. Haskins; secretary, P. W. Smith; treasurer, O. W. Smith; executive committee, G. P. Spear, J. B. Brown, F. N. Dickinson, F. A. Hobart, A. W. Hall, G. E. Atkins. At a meeting held Nov. 21, 1888, the executive committee was instructed to purchase lamps, locate them and see to setting them up. The grounds about the new library building were graded by the association in April, 1895. In 1890, an "Old Man's Tree association" was organized. Any man over 80 years of age may set out a tree, which will be cared for and protected by the society. On Arbor-day, 1890, trees were set out as follows: By Clinton J. Cowles, aged 82, near the reservoir; by Forester Ainsworth, aged 83, the west tree, south of the church; by Dea. Lyman Smith, aged



89, the east tree, south of the church. The society has, since its organization, set out more than 100 shade and ornamental trees, and has caused to be built more than one and one-half miles of sidewalk and kept the same in good repair. The town's appropriation for street-lights at North Amherst has been expended under the society's direction.

A meeting was held at North Amherst "City," Nov. 12, 1889, for the purpose of establishing a society for village improvement. Officers were elected as follows: President, Manning Roberts; vice-president, Mrs. Robert Lawton; secretary, Charles S. Cushman; treasurer, Mrs. Manning Roberts; executive committee, Robert Lawton, W. L. Roberts, John Chandler, Mrs. C. S. Wilbur, Miss Ella Roberts. Committees were appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws, to solicit funds, and to arrange for entertainments for the benefit of the association. At a meeting held Nov. 20, a constitution and by-laws were adopted. The name assumed was the "North Amherst City Village Improvement Association." The object, as expressed in the constitution, was, "to secure the improvement in appearance of our public grounds, including highways and common, the grounds about the school-house and those about the church, to foster and promote such public spirit as will make our village more desirable as a place of residence." Any resident of North Amherst "City" might become a member by signing the constitution and paying 25 cents into the treasury. The annual meeting was to be held in November, special meetings on call of the president or secretary and a majority of the executive committee. The soliciting committee reported receipts of \$49.25. The executive committee was instructed to purchase ten street lamps and set them where they thought best, also to see the selectmen about the school-house land. The society was organized with 40 members.

The town, at its annual meeting in March, 1890, voted to give the use of a part of the school-lot purchased at the "City" to the society. During the year 1890, the town paid \$50 for street-lamps at the "City." At a meeting held Feb. 18, 1890, it was voted to buy five lamps. A committee was appointed to solicit money for concrete walks. April 9, 1890, the executive committee was instructed to build a sidewalk "from the railroad crossing north to the north line of Mr. Chandler's land." Nov. 11, 1890, it was voted to use the money received from sale of grass on the school-house grounds to fit up the grounds. Voted, also, to continue the sidewalk south from the railroad crossing. During the year the society spent \$82.94 for street lamps and \$116.86 for sidewalks. The town, at its annual meeting in March, 1895, voted to give the use of the common at the "City" to the society; the society voted to accept the trust under the conditions imposed. The society has continued, from year to year, the building of sidewalks as its funds permitted.





## CHAPTER XLVIII.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.—STREET LIGHTING.—THE INTRODUCTION OF GAS.—THE AMHERST GAS CO.—ELECTRIC LIGHTING.—CONCRETE WALKS.—WATER SUPPLY.—THE FIRST SURVEY.—THE AMHERST WATER CO.—SPRING WATER CO.—SEWERS.

In glancing backward, it is interesting to note how short is the period of time covering the introduction into Amherst of a series of public improvements and conveniences which, unknown till recent date, are now accounted indispensable to the welfare of the town and its inhabitants. Street-lights, concrete walks, running water, sewers, a town hall, street-sprinkling, all these are, in Amherst, the products of the last quarter century.

Up to the year 1873, Amherst had no system of public street-lighting. A few public-spirited individuals maintained at their own expense oil-lamps in front of their residences, which served but to accentuate the surrounding gloom. As the Amherst Gas company has been a prominent factor in solving the problem of street-lighting, it seems advisable to give a brief sketch of that organization in connection with this subject. The *Amherst Record*, under date of Aug. 6, 1868, announced that some months since a number of citizens had met and talked over the subject of introducing gas in the village. A committee was appointed to see if the trustees of the two colleges would introduce gas in the college buildings. At a meeting held Sept. 4, 1868, a committee was appointed to canvass the village and ascertain how many lights would be taken. The business was placed in charge of C. L. Storrs. March 3, 1870, the *Record* announced that movements were in process to secure from the Legislature authority for forming a gas company in the village. March 23, of the same year, the General Court passed an act incorporating Edward Dickinson, W. S. Clark, H. F. Hills and others as the Amherst Gas Light company. So far as can be ascertained there was no organization effected under the charter.

At a special town-meeting, held Sept. 13, 1873, the town instructed its selectmen to purchase lamps and lamp-posts, to be erected at their discretion in the center village, at a cost not exceeding \$200. The selectmen announced, in their report for the year ending March 1, 1874, that they had put in ten lamp-posts and lamps. The latter were kept lighted every night except when the moon was bright. To quote from the report: "We



find they are a great comfort to our policemen in their perambulations, and a convenience to the citizens outside, as well as to those living in the immediate center." The expense of the ten lights was \$206.46; the selectmen recommended that six more be put in. Oil and gasoline were burned in these lamps. The next year, and for several years thereafter, the appropriation for street lights was joined with that for night police, and a part of the policeman's duties was to light, care for and put out the lamps.

Aug. 19, 1875, a meeting was held at the office of W. A. Dickinson to consider the matter of introducing gas in town. Several thousand dollars were subscribed and a committee was chosen to circulate subscription papers. It was proposed to organize a company with a capital stock of \$15,000. The necessary capital could not be secured and the project was given up for the time. Aug. 20, 1877, a memorandum of agreement was drawn up and signed by 14 persons, who proposed to form a corporation under the name of the Amherst Gas company, for the manufacture and sale of gas. The capital stock was placed at \$5,000, divided into 50 shares of \$100 each; the number of subscribers to this stock was 17. An organization was effected Sept. 24, when the following officers were elected: Directors, H. F. Hills, L. D. Hills, J. H. Seelye, D. W. Palmer, W. A. Dickinson; clerk and treasurer, C. H. Mann. The directors met the same day and elected H. F. Hills president of the company. By-laws were adopted, and it was voted to buy of H. F. Hills land on College street for a station. At a meeting held Oct. 1, it was voted to employ N. H. Lee as superintendent. Work on the mains was begun immediately. The directors having carefully considered the matter, decided to use oil instead of coal as gas-producing material. The main pipe first laid was a little more than one mile in length. The gas was let into the main for the first time Nov. 1, 1877, and that evening there was a grand illumination of the straw hat factories. The works cost about \$2,500, the mains about as much more. The oil-tank held 30 barrels of naphtha, the gasometer had a capacity of 32,000 gallons. In August, 1879, the company voted to extend its mains to College hall. July 12, 1880, it was voted to increase the capital stock \$5,000, subscriptions to the increase being open only to those who were then stockholders. In September, 1881, it was voted to extend the mains north on Pleasant street.

Feb. 27, 1882, the company voted to authorize its president and treasurer to make a contract with the town to furnish gas for street-lamps on such terms as they deemed advisable. The town, at its annual meeting in March, 1883, voted to authorize the selectmen to contract with the Amherst Gas company for gas for street lamps at a cost not exceeding \$8 per post per year, the town to pay the expense of making connection with the gas-





mains. During the year next succeeding, thirteen oil-lights were changed to gas and five new lights put in at an expense to the town of \$106.36 for making connections. The selectmen adopted the policy of making connections wherever petitioned for when the lamp-post was furnished at expense of the petitioner, if the public convenience would be promoted thereby. The town paid to the Amherst Gas company, for street lights, in 1884, \$216.15; in 1885, \$241.71; in 1886, \$254.34; in 1887, \$302.38; in 1888, \$419.70. At a special meeting held April 17, 1888, the town voted to put in ten additional street lights, appropriating \$100 to defray the expense. The selectmen, in their report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1889, stated that there were at that time 42 gas street-lamps, and that by agreement among themselves \$16, the price of two gas-lights, had been allowed to North Amherst, and the Village Improvement society had maintained 20 street-lamps at that place.

At a meeting held Nov. 10, 1884, the Amherst Gas company voted to increase its capital stock 60 per cent.; this vote was rescinded at a meeting held Nov. 9, 1885, and again passed, Nov. 14, 1887. A meeting of the directors was held Nov. 19, 1888, to discuss the matter of engaging in the electric light business. This was followed, Dec. 10, by a stockholders' meeting, when it was voted that the company would engage in the business of generating electricity for light and power if authority for so doing be granted, and the clerk was directed to petition the gas commissioners for that authority. In December, 1888, the selectmen granted permission to the Thomson-Houston company to erect poles and string wires in the town streets and ways, on condition that they should maintain, free of expense to the town, one arc-light of 1200-candle-power, to be located by the selectmen. The plant was put in in the spring of 1889, and the electric current was turned on for the first time April 13. The company furnished for several months four arc-lights without expense to the town. In January, 1889, the Amherst Gas company petitioned the gas commissioners for permission to engage in the business of electric lighting. The petition being granted, the company applied to the selectmen for a street franchise to erect poles and string wires. A similar petition was presented by the Weston Electric Light company. After exhaustive hearings the selectmen decided in May to grant both franchises.

The Amherst Gas company voted, Feb. 9, 1889, to reduce its capital stock to \$10,000. May 17, 1889, the treasurer was directed to arrange for an agent of the Westinghouse Electric company to come to Amherst and give estimates on the cost of putting in a lighting plant under that system. May 25, the company voted to buy the property of the Thomson-Houston Electric company if a price could be agreed upon, or to sell its own property to the latter company at an agreed price. June 11, 1889, the Gas



company appointed D. W. Palmer, H. F. Hills and E. D. Bangs a committee, with power to buy the property of the Thomson-Houston company, or to contract with the Westinghouse Electric company and the Otto Engine company for an electric plant and power, also to contract for buildings for the same. At a stockholders' meeting held Aug. 5, the president was authorized in the name of the company to make a contract for an electric lighting plant of a capacity of not less than 300 lights of 16-candle-power each, at a cost not exceeding \$8,000, and to lease land for a building near the gas-works.

Sept. 2, 1889, at a stockholders' meeting, the Gas company voted to buy the plant of the Thomson-Houston company for \$17,000. The plant as bargained for did not include the boiler, engine or arc-light dynamo. Sept. 4, it was voted to issue \$15,000 in bonds, secured by mortgage on all the company's property. Sept. 16, at a stockholders' meeting, it was voted to increase the capital stock to \$25,000, the 150 shares of new stock to be sold at auction and the proceeds used in paying for the electric light plant. The directors were authorized to issue bonds of the company to an amount not exceeding the capital stock, the proceeds to be used in the extension and improvement of the company's works and in paying the funded debt. Oct. 7, the new stock was sold at auction, at \$100 per share, the par value. Oct. 8, the Gas company voted to offer the town a system of incandescent lights of 25-candle-power, to burn, except on moonlight evenings, until 11 P. M., for \$12 per light per year. Oct. 22, this proposition was again voted, with the added specification that 50 lights be taken, that if used until morning the price should be \$16 per year, and that the company should give the town free of expense ten per cent. of the lights contracted for.

Oct. 26, the company authorized its president to build and fully equip a central station for electric lighting, having a capacity for a 1500-light apparatus. It was also voted to offer the town five 25-candle-power incandescent lights in place of the one arc-light, which the Thomson-Houston company guaranteed to maintain in return for its street franchise. The selectmen made the counter-proposition that the company should furnish seven 32-candle-power lights in place of the one arc-light; this was accepted by the company, Dec. 13. Sept. 29, 1893, the company authorized its president to make a contract for the rental of an arc-light apparatus. This apparatus was secured and put in, and shortly afterward the company made a proposition to the town to furnish nine arc-lights, to be located at different points in the center village, to burn from sunset until midnight, for six months, dating from Dec. 1, for \$475. The selectmen accepted the proposition, the new lights enabling them to dispense with 14 gas-lights. During the year 1893, the town expended the following sums for street-





lighting: At the center, including arc-lights for six months, \$1,012; at North Amherst, \$200; at North Amherst "City," \$100; at South Amherst, \$30; at East Amherst, \$60; at Mill Valley \$60. At a special town-meeting held April 21, 1894, the town authorized its selectmen to make a five-years' contract on behalf of the town, with the Amherst Gas company, for lighting the principal streets. The selectmen signed a written contract providing for 21 arc-lights at \$90 each per year; they also made a verbal contract for 22 incandescent lights, for \$450 per year, the latter to take the place of the gas-lights. The new incandescent lights were put in in June, 1894. During the year 1895, the town expended \$2,807.96 for street lighting, of which sum \$2,530.30 was paid to the Amherst Gas company. At the annual meeting in March, 1896, the town appropriated \$2,900 for street lights, and a special appropriation of \$400, or so much as might be needed, for putting in arc-lights on High, Gray and Pleasant streets. The Gas company's office, which was located for many year in the Savings bank building, was removed in March, 1896, to convenient and commodious quarters in Hunt's block.

#### CONCRETE WALKS.

While the matter of highways was one of the first to engage the attention of the settlers in Hadley Third Precinct, neither they nor their descendants for several generations gave time or labor to the construction or repair of sidewalks. Highways were a necessity, sidewalks a convenience. Doubtless there were individuals who, even in the earlier years of the settlement, built and maintained good sidewalks in front of their residences, but the town, as a town, gave them no assistance. There is no mention of public sidewalks in the town records until 1869; the town, at its annual meeting in March of that year, appropriated \$500 for sidewalks, of which sum only about \$70 was expended during the year. The following year \$500 was appropriated and \$511.28 expended. In 1871, the appropriation for sidewalks was \$300, the money being spent in connection with the work upon the highways. During the year 1871, over \$1,100 was spent by the town upon its sidewalks; the amount expended during the year ending March 1, 1874, was about \$300.

The first public concrete walks in Amherst were laid in 1876. The selectmen, in their report to the town for the year ending March 1, state that some enterprising, public-spirited person had offered to donate \$500 for concrete walks if the town would raise and appropriate a like amount. The sum of \$1,000 thus secured was to be used in paying one-half the expense of concrete walks, the other half to be paid by owners of property abutting on the walks where laid. The citizen to whom Amherst is indebted



for the foundation of its present very excellent system of concrete walks was Julius H. Seelye. The selectmen were overwhelmed with petitions from persons who readily agreed to pay one-half the expense of constructing sidewalks in front of their property. As these petitions called for more walks than money had been raised to build, the selectmen used their discretion in granting them, laying the walks in different parts of the town where it was thought the public convenience would best be served. During the year over 3,000 yards of walks were laid, besides a walk across the common from the post-office to Spring street, which was paid for by private subscription. The work was done by C. W. Lyman & Co. of Brookline. During the year ending March 1, 1878, 2,400 yards of concrete walk were laid. The town laid a walk on Main street from the First National Bank building to the residence of Mrs. Stevens, which was continued by private enterprise to the Second Congregational church. A walk was laid by individuals from W. W. Hunt's store to College hall. During the year next following, over 3,000 yards of walks were laid, on Pleasant, Amity, Main and Northampton streets. Several street crosswalks were laid, including one at North Amherst. The work for the year was done by J. M. Harris, a local contractor. In 1879, walks were constructed on Pleasant, Amity and College streets.

The town, in 1880, appropriated \$1,000 for concrete walks. During the year over 4,000 yards of new walks were laid at the center village, 600 yards at North Amherst and 700 yards at East Amherst. The share of the appropriation intended for use at South Amherst was not expended as no petitions were received for walks in that section. Of the walks laid at the center, individuals paid three-fourths of the expense. The town accepted the sidewalk law passed by the General Court in 1874, conferring upon the town the privilege to assess upon abutters a percentage of the cost of walks. Under this act the adjoining real estate may be held for the payment of a sidewalk assessment if the latter does not exceed one per cent. of the property's valuation. In 1881, the sidewalk appropriation was but \$500, so less work was accomplished than during the preceding year. In 1882, the appropriation was \$500, of which sum \$100 was spent at North Amherst and \$67 at East Amherst, the remainder at the center. A walk was built in front of the Amity-street school-house lot. In 1887, the town appropriated \$100 for concrete walks at South Amherst. In 1888, the greater part of the appropriation was spent in repairs, many of the walks having been badly injured by frost. In 1889, extensive repairs were made on old walks, and new ones were laid on Amity, McClellan, Orchard, Triangle and South Pleasant streets at the center, and at North Amherst. In 1892, several new walks were laid. At the annual meeting in March, 1896, the town appropriated \$1,000 for concrete walks. A town





by-law was passed in 1881, compelling abutters to remove ice and snow from the concrete walks in front of their property.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

The matter of procuring for the town a supply of running water, to be used for domestic purposes and for extinguishing fires, was first brought before the town in 1870. At a special meeting held Sept. 6, a committee of six was appointed to consider the matter of providing suitable apparatus for extinguishing fires for all parts of the town; also to consider the feasibility of bringing water into the town by aqueduct, for the use of a fire department and other purposes. The members of this committee were Ransom Cowles, E. F. Cook, O. S. Longley, William Conkey, Prof. J. H. Seelye, Prof. S. F. Miller. The *Amherst Record*, under date of Jan. 25, 1871, contains an abstract of this committee's report, prepared by Prof. Miller. Four plans were submitted for introducing running water in town. The first was that water should be obtained from a spring in Pelham; the second, to force water from the river at Mill Valley by means of a hydraulic ram; the third, to force water from the river near Burnham's mill at East Amherst; the fourth, to put in an artesian well. The expense of either one of the first three plans was estimated at from \$20,000 to \$25,000. The committee presented their report to the town at its annual meeting in March, 1871. Of the four plans suggested they favored that of procuring water from certain springs in Pelham. These were three and one-third miles from the Amherst house, afforded a supply of 80 gallons per minute, and were situated at a sufficient height to carry water 15 feet above the top of the Amherst College chapel tower. A reservoir could be built for \$5,000, and the expense of bringing the water into town would be from \$20,000 to \$30,000. After this report had been considered and discussed, a motion was made that the General Court be petitioned for authority to purchase the water privilege in Pelham and introduce the water in Amherst, but it was voted down.

It was not until the great fire of 1879 had demonstrated how powerless the village was to protect itself against conflagrations that the project of introducing running water into town was revived. The fire occurred the morning of July 4; on the evening of July 15 a mass-meeting of citizens was held in Palmer's hall to consider the water question. The principal address at the meeting was delivered by Julius H. Seelye. He presented a statement of the results of the investigation undertaken by the committee appointed by the town in 1870. He was satisfied that an abundant water supply could be obtained in Pelham. Since the fire he had written to Messrs. Goodhue & Birnie of Springfield, who made a business of constructing water-works. They had visited Amherst and made a survey





CHASE'S BLOCK.



CASH ROW.





along the route suggested by the committee in 1870. As a result of this survey they had made a proposition to build a reservoir, put in a 12-inch main from the latter to Palmer's block, lay other mains as per schedule, complete the plant and keep it in repair for three years at their expense, at a total cost of \$40,000. Four plans were suggested to bring the water into town, first, that the town should do the work; second, to form a fire district; third, to form a stock company; fourth, to let outside parties put in the work on their own responsibility. President Seelye considered the plan of forming a stock company the most desirable. After considerable discussion subscriptions were called for and over \$10,000 was subscribed. A committee of ten was appointed to investigate the whole matter of water supply.

As a result of this meeting a water company was organized in July, 1879, with a capital of \$40,000. Goodhue & Birnie agreed to take any amount of the capital stock from \$100 to \$30,000, or would assume the whole expense conditionally and own the entire plant when completed. A little over \$16,000 was subscribed to the stock by Amherst parties, leaving the controlling interest in the hands of the contractors. It was decided to build the dam for the reservoir on land owned by W. A. Magill, about one-half mile from the Orient house. The pipe to be used was a combination of iron and cement, which had been tried in other places with results that were considered highly satisfactory. It consisted of a thick sheet-iron plate, with cement upon both sides. Preparations were made in August for manufacturing this pipe in Amherst. A building 60 x 25 feet was erected south of the Amherst Gas company's plant and machinery put in for shaping the iron plates. The inner coating of cement was applied near the mill of Albert Clark at East Amherst. The work on digging the trenches for the mains began Sept. 2; the work on laying the pipe began Sept. 10. During the month of September over 100 persons were engaged in the various departments of the work.

At a special town-meeting held Nov. 13, 1879, the water company submitted a proposition that the town should put in hydrants at its own expense, the estimated cost being \$50 each, and that it should pay the company \$1,500 per year for use of water. A committee of 25 was appointed to examine into the matter and report at an adjourned meeting. This committee reported at a meeting held Nov. 20; it recommended that the town should pay \$1,000 for hydrants if \$700 was raised from other sources, and should also pay the company \$1,000 per year for ten years for the use of water for fire and other public purposes. The report was not adopted; in its stead a vote was passed authorizing the selectmen to negotiate with the Water company for the use of 34 hydrants, paying \$600 a year for ten years for water for fire purposes. May 1, 1880, the 12-inch



main from the reservoir to the corner by the Amherst house was completed. At a special meeting held May 1, 1880, the town authorized its selectmen to contract with the Amherst Water company, when organized, to furnish the town with water for ten years, the price to be \$1,000 per year. It was also voted to appropriate \$750 for hydrants when a like sum had been secured from other sources.

The Amherst Water company secured its charter in April, 1880. The officers elected at its first meeting were: President, W. S. Clark; secretary and treasurer, E. D. Bangs; directors, W. S. Clark, William Birnie, W. A. Dickinson, E. F. Cook, J. H. Seelye, L. D. Hills, D. W. Palmer. During the year 1880, the town purchased and put in four hydrants for the protection of town property, one located near the high school-house, one near the Amity-street school-house, one near the lock-up and one at East Amherst. Nearly \$900 was raised by individuals to pay for hydrants, and 30 were purchased and located in different parts of the town. Since that year, new hydrants have been purchased and set in many places along the line of the water mains. The cement pipe used in the construction of these mains proved too weak to stand the tremendous pressure at East Amherst, and as a consequence many breaks in the pipes have occurred. It is probable that in a few years the company will substitute iron for the combination pipe in sections where the pressure is most severe. On the night of Aug. 23, 1883, during a severe thunderstorm, lightning struck the main at West Pelham and badly damaged the pipes for the distance of nearly a mile. The town was deprived of its water supply for nearly two months, while repairs were being made. The severe and protracted drouth during the summers of 1892 and 1893 caused the managers of the company to take measures for increasing the water supply. It was determined to build a storage reservoir further up on the south branch of the stream which supplies the main reservoir. Work on the dam for the new reservoir was completed in May, 1894 and the pond was allowed to fill. During the drouth that prevailed in August, water from the new reservoir was let into the mains, but being drawn from the bottom of the pond and containing vegetable organic matter it smelled and tasted badly and could not be used for drinking purposes. Subsequently the water was drawn out of both the reservoirs and their beds were thoroughly cleaned. In the fall of 1893, when the drouth was very severe, a pumping station was established on Fort river at East Amherst, but the completion of the new reservoir caused it to be discontinued.

The Amherst Spring Water company was organized Nov. 3, 1883. Its owners and stockholders were William W. Hunt, Flavel Gaylord and George Cutler. They laid over three miles of iron pipe from a reservoir which they built a little to the east of the house formerly owned by Rev.



John Jones, in Pelham, and supplied through their pipes over one hundred families in Amherst with water. The property was sold to the Amherst Water company in 1888, and is now a part of the latter company's system. Pelham water is exceptionally pure and pleasing to the taste and is in general use throughout the village. For several years past the town has paid the Amherst Water company \$1,250 per year for water for fire purposes.

## SEWER SYSTEMS.

With the introduction of running water in 1880, came the necessity of providing for a system of public sewers. At a special meeting held May 1, 1880, the town voted to appoint a committee of three to investigate the matter of sewers, to survey the district where drainage was required and devise a system to be followed in the future, the expense to be borne by abutters; \$200 was appropriated to defray the expenses of the survey. The survey was made by Engineer E. A. Davis, and covered a mile from the center in either direction. The district contained three little brooks or ditches that marked the natural drainage or the lowest levels. At a special meeting held Aug. 20, the town voted not to accept the provisions of the public statutes relating to sewers, but to leave the matter in the hands of the selectmen. At a special meeting held Sept. 7, the following vote was passed: "That the town hereby accepts the plan for the laying out of sewers presented by the selectmen, and authorizes their construction; but the entire expense of building, including land damages, and keeping the same in repair, and preventing them from becoming a public nuisance, shall be paid by the persons who enter them with private drains or are benefited thereby, as provided in Section 4, Chapter 48 of the General Statutes and in Chapter 232 of the Acts of 1878." The layout was as follows: The main sewer extended from a point near the Baptist church across the common and Maple avenue between the house of Rev. J. H. M. Leland and the Merrill place, thence east on the north side of the ravine which it crossed near H. D. Fearing & Co's factory, continuing under the railroad bridge across land owned by H. F. Hills and Mrs. Lucius Boltwood to land of John C. White. There were two branches, one extending down College street to join the main sewer near the railroad bridge, the other from the American house block through Main street and down Church street to join the main sewer near the horse-sheds of the First Congregational church.

The selectmen, in their report to the town for the year ending Feb. 15, 1881, state that the sewers had been built as laid out and the expense assessed on owners of land who would be benefited thereby, the total expense being a little over \$2,800. Nearly 7,000 feet of sewers had been





laid. But one person objected to paying his assessment. In their report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1883, the selectmen state that all sewer assessments had been paid and a surplus of \$134.44 remained in the hands of the treasurer. Residents on Amity street had procured a survey for a sewer, the layout of which was reported by the selectmen and accepted by the town at its annual meeting in March, 1883; the Amity-street sewer was put in in 1883, and also a system of surface drainage on North Pleasant street.

The Tan Brook sewer was laid out in June, 1884, being accepted by the town at a special meeting held June 16. It began on Pleasant street near the house of Frank P. Wood, extending north to Hallock street; beginning also on North Prospect street near the house of B. H. Williams, it extended north to Hallock street, east on Hallock to Pleasant street, thence on Pleasant to McClellan street and on the latter street to Tan Brook, thence across private lands to an outlet on land of E. J. Baker. The entire expense, \$2,418.78, was paid by abutters. A branch to the first, or Fearing Brook system, was built in 1885, from near the residence of Edwin Nelson on Gray street and of J. Howard Sweetser on Lessey street to a point near H. D. Fearing & Co's factory; the expense of construction was \$1,103.05. A sewer was built in 1886 from near the school-house on Amity street to Lincoln avenue, south on Lincoln avenue to Northampton street, thence across private lands to an outlet on the farm of Israel Billings. Branches to this sewer were constructed through Woodside avenue and Parsons street, in the rear of dwellings on South Prospect street and in rear of dwellings on South Pleasant street from the grounds owned by Amherst College to the residence of Rev. Matthew Kingman. The entire cost of the system, \$3,356.87, was paid by abutters; it is known as the Snell Brook system.

With the increase in the number of sewers, and a corresponding increase in the number of houses and other buildings connected with them, there arose frequent complaints from persons living or owning property near their outlets. The sewers were declared by some to be a nuisance and threats were made to bring suit against the town. Thus was forced into prominence the question as to who owned the sewers. The town had invested no money in them and claimed no proprietary rights, but the selectmen had made the layouts and the town had accepted them; they had been constructed under the town's supervision, and the money for the assessments had been paid into the town treasury from which also the bills for construction were paid. At a special meeting held Nov. 8, 1890, the town appointed a committee of three to examine into the sewer problem. This committee, having made a careful study of the sewer systems with regard to the present and prospective needs of the town, submitted its



report at the annual meeting in March, 1891. This report recommended the extension of the Fearing Brook sewer from its original outlet on land of John C. White, southerly on private lands, to land of Patrick Donahue near Fort river; also, the extension of Snell Brook sewer easterly, to land of Salmon Wakefield near Fort river. It was further recommended that settling-tanks be built along the route for the reception and retention of the solid matter in the sewage, while the liquid matter should be allowed to spread over the soil and become purified before entering the river. The town voted to accept the report and authorized the selectmen to expend any funds in the treasury belonging to the sewer account for carrying out the proposed extensions. The selectmen, having carefully considered the matter and examined the proposed route, were satisfied that a better solution of the problem would be found in uniting the two systems and conducting them to a common outlet on land remote from any dwelling-house. A survey was made by E. A. Davis on lines suggested by the selectmen; it provided for the union of the Fearing Brook and Snell Brook systems and their discharge on land of Edmund Hastings near Fort river, a large settling-tank to be built near the river. At a special town meeting held Aug. 8, an article to see whether the town would accept of this new layout was dismissed. At a special meeting held Aug. 29, the town voted to accept the layout and appropriated \$1,000 toward paying the expense of construction. The work was completed in 1891, at a cost of \$2,903.34, the balance above the appropriation being paid from the accumulated sewer fund in the treasury.

At the annual meeting in March, 1894, the selectmen reported favorably a sewer system for Pleasant street. At a special meeting held June 23, it was voted to authorize the selectmen to extend the Tan Brook sewer from its present outlet across the Hadley road to land of E. J. Baker. The layout of a sewer on Sunset avenue was accepted. The town also voted to accept the layout of a sewer system on Taylor, High and Whitney streets, on Main street from the house of James Harrington to South East street, and along the latter street to the house of P. D. Spaulding, where a junction should be effected with the Fearing Brook sewer. The estimated cost of the East street sewer was \$3,000; the selectmen were authorized to borrow money for its construction, the town to pay twenty per cent. of the expense and the remaining eighty per cent. to be assessed on abutters. The selectmen, in their annual report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1895, state that 18,000 feet of sewers had been constructed during the year at a cost of \$3,500; 6,500 feet were built by individuals and 11,500 feet by the town. The cost of the East street sewer was \$2,104.51, of the sewer on Pleasant street \$225.74. During the year ending Feb. 15, 1896, over 4,700 feet of new sewers were laid; one from





the Tan Brook sewer at the corner of West Pleasant and McClellan streets, east to Triangle street and easterly on that street to land of J. P. Smith; one north from Triangle street on Cottage to High street; one from Tan Brook north on East Pleasant street to land of Rev. Milton Waldo. The expense of these new sewers, \$900.70, was paid by abutters. The Tan Brook sewer at its outlet was extended 600 feet at a cost of \$194.96, which was paid by the town.

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## CHAPTER XLIX.

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### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES. THE NORTHAMPTON BRIDGE. STREET SPRINKLING. TRIANGLE STREET FIGHT. THE TOWN HALL.

The history of Amherst highways is largely contained in the reports of town meetings recorded in Part II. of this volume. Other items of interest concerning them are gathered from the town reports. From its early settlement Amherst has made very liberal appropriations for the construction and maintenance of its highways and bridges, the results not always being in fair proportion to the outlay. Many controversies and suits at law have had their origin in questions connected with the highways. The matter of highway repair has been from the earliest times entrusted to the selectmen, they in turn selecting suitable persons to superintend the work. At times the town has been divided into districts, and a certain proportion of the annual appropriation been set aside to be expended in each district. In 1848, M. F. Dickinson and Eleazer Kellogg were paid \$50 "by contract for repairs on the highway near Ingram's factory." In 1859, there were 205 bridges and culverts in the town, 25 of them from 10 to 60 feet in length; of these 72 were built of stone and 133 of wood. In 1860, the highways were repaired under the "old system," with surveyors in each district, the town appropriation, \$1,200 payable in labor, was divided among the districts. During the year \$42.48 was expended for stone and labor to protect the highway in Mill Valley from encroachments by the river. In 1863, four large bridges owned by the town were carried away by a freshet. In 1866, the town adopted a new system for repairing the highways. The selectmen appointed a highway superintendent and two assistants, the latter to care for the roads in the north and south parts of the town. At that time there were about 60 miles of highways in town.



In 1869, four persons were employed "in the extreme parts of the town," to look after the roads in their respective districts. A freshet in October of that year caused extensive damages to the highways. The selectmen for many years made it a practice to buy a yoke of oxen in the spring, use them in highway work in summer and sell them in the fall.

The county commissioners in 1870 ordered that the grade of the highway over College hill be lowered. The town voted at a meeting held Sept. 6 to comply with this order. The work was done under supervision of the selectmen, the cost, including the lowering of the sidewalk on the west side of the way, being \$4,751.63. The selectmen, in their report for the year ending March 1, 1873, recommended that the town should thereafter erect iron bridges, as they were the best for cheapness, strength and durability. In 1878, there were about 75 miles of highway in the town. After the disastrous fire in July, 1879, the town undertook the work of grading down what was known as the "Amherst house hill," which was accomplished at an expense of \$500, money well invested. In 1881, the selectmen purchased one-half an acre of gravel for use on the roads in the south part of the town. The same year an iron bridge was erected across Fort river near the house of Salmon Wakefield, the bridge costing \$950 and the stonework \$450. At the annual meeting in March, 1882, the town instructed its selectmen to lay one good piece of road. In compliance with this vote, a section of Main street was worked twenty inches deep, the road-bed partly removed and filled with stones and gravel. A road-machine was bought at an expense of \$150. In answer to a petition by the town, the county commissioners, in the years 1883 and 1884, established the bounds of a large percentage of the highways in town. It was found that in many instances abutters had fenced in land belonging to the highways. In 1883, extensive repairs were made on Pleasant street, including the putting in of a concrete gutter, the expense amounting to about \$1,000.

For a number of years the town was put to considerable expense by damage to the highways caused by the breaking of the mains of the Amherst Water company. In 1884, the underpaving of Main street was completed as far as the railway tracks, the entire expense being about \$1,200. In 1885, the care of the highways was entrusted to four persons appointed by the selectmen. A new and improved road machine was purchased. In 1887, severe storms in July and August caused extensive damages to the highways. In 1888, the town was obliged to spend nearly \$1,000 in clearing the roads after the blizzard in March. In 1889, the General Court passed an act compelling the selectmen of towns to appoint a superintendent of highways. The selectmen of Amherst appointed F. L. Stone to this office. During the year the south slope of College hill



was underpaved at an expense of \$300. The town accepted Lessey street as a highway in 1890; suits for damages were entered against the town by J. Howard Sweetser and the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Mr. Sweetser's suit was settled by the payment of \$1,125, that of the fraternity was brought to trial and a verdict returned in favor of the town.

For more than twenty years Amherst has borne a part of the expense of maintaining the travel-bridge across the Connecticut river between Hadley and Northampton. A bridge has been maintained at this point on the river for nearly a century. In 1803, the Northampton Bridge company was granted a charter to maintain a bridge for 70 years; this was a private corporation. The bridge, a covered wooden structure, was built in 1807 at cost of \$14,294. The funds were probably raised by subscription; other methods were sometimes resorted to, as in the case of building the bridge across the river at Hatfield. Among the special laws passed by the General Court in 1806, was one giving permission to raise \$10,000 by lottery for the completion of the bridge across the Connecticut river at Hatfield. Samuel Porter, Elijah Dickinson, Isaac Abercrombie and Samuel F. Dickinson, Esquires, and Dr. John Hastings were appointed managers of the enterprise, to make and publish a scheme of the lottery, draw it and attend to all other business. The Northampton bridge was rebuilt in 1817, at an expense of \$15,000, and again in 1826, at an expense of \$32,439. In 1840, repairs upon the structure cost \$6,600; in 1848, it was again repaired at an expense of \$3,400. In 1859, the Hadley end of the bridge was carried away by a disastrous flood and it was rebuilt at a cost of \$20,000. In 1871, the company petitioned for an extension of their charter for twenty years; the petition was opposed by citizens of Hadley, who desired that it be made a free bridge. At that time the average annual receipts for tolls were \$4,500, the average expense of maintenance \$900, and the estimated value of the property was \$28,400. The property was bought by Hampshire county in April, 1875, for \$37,000; of this sum Amherst paid  $\frac{3}{5}$ , Hadley  $\frac{1}{5}$ , Northampton  $\frac{7}{5}$  and the other towns in the county the remainder. The bridge was torn from the piers June 14, 1879, by a cyclone; of the expense incurred by rebuilding Amherst paid \$4,021.75. When the Sunderland bridge was made free in 1875, an unsuccessful effort was made to have Amherst bear a part of the expense.

Of interest in connection with Amherst highways is the work of street-sprinkling. Soon after the introduction of Pelham water, the merchants doing business at the center of the town subscribed small sums annually for sprinkling the streets during the summer months. The first attempt at forming an organization for carrying on this work was made at a meeting held April 30, 1891, when it was voted to form the Amherst





Street Sprinkling association. Officers were elected as follows: President, E. D. Marsh; secretary, H. B. Edwards; treasurer, B. H. Williams. An executive committee of six was appointed and authorized to solicit names for membership; the membership fee was placed at \$1. At a meeting held May 7, the committee reported that 38 members had been secured. F. A. Cadwell had proposed to furnish a cart and sprinkle the streets for \$4 per day of ten hours. The executive committee was authorized to raise money to buy a cart. At a meeting held April 15, 1892, a motion was adopted that property-owners and others who had the streets sprinkled in front of their residences should be solicited for such sums as they were willing to pay weekly. At a meeting held April 24, 1893, a committee was appointed to confer with the officers of the Village Improvement society and see if the latter organization would take charge of the street-sprinkling, but the society refused. At a special town meeting held April 27, 1895, it was voted to accept the provisions of the act passed by the General Court in 1895, concerning street sprinkling, whereby the expense incurred in the work may be assessed upon persons owning property along the line of the streets sprinkled.

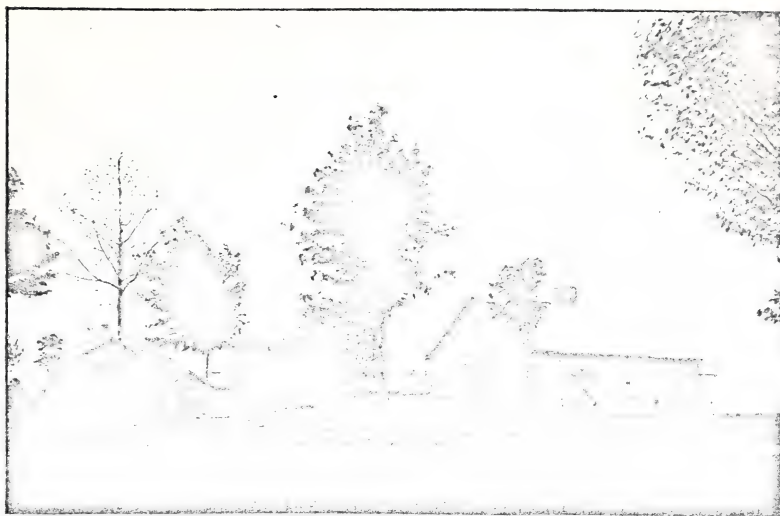
Any historical sketch of Amherst highways would be sadly incomplete without reference to the "Triangle-street fight," one of the most notable neighborhood feuds in the town's annals. In the early part of the century the struggle for supremacy between the East and West villages was strong to bitterness. The ecclesiastical quarrel which resulted in the organization of the Second parish was supplemented by business rivalry. Prior to the organization of Amherst College the inhabitants of East Amherst would seem to have controlled the situation. While the controversy was at its height the village at the East street was christened "Sodom" and that at the West street "Mt. Zion." There were, in 1820, two principal taverns in the town, the Boltwood tavern at the West street and Baggs' tavern at the East street. Most of the travel from the towns in the western part of Franklin county crossed the Connecticut river at Sunderland, passing thence through Amherst to Belchertown. Passing over this route, the Boltwood tavern was first reached and this house secured the best of the transient custom. In order that a part of this trade might come to East Amherst without passing through the West street, and also that persons living in North Amherst and worshipping at the Second church might pass over a more direct route, the town was petitioned to lay out a highway from the street near the south end of Mount Pleasant to Main street near where the building owned by the First National bank now stands. The road was laid out, and accepted by the town at a meeting held Dec. 4, 1820. At a meeting held Dec. 14, it was voted to discontinue the road.



But the highway having been laid out, the residents at East Amherst were determined it should be built. If the town would not do the work they would do it themselves. On an appointed day they assembled at the east end of the proposed route and with men and teams worked hard all through the day. When they returned the following day to resume their labors, what was their wrath and chagrin to see that the residents of the West street had undone in a night all that they had accomplished through the day. Again they labored hard through the day, and again at night the West street men destroyed the work they had done. The road-makers, losing patience, stationed guards the whole length of the road during the night. Then there came a series of nightly struggles, the story of which was noised abroad and visitors came from neighboring towns to watch the sport. While both parties were very much in earnest there was no serious breach of the peace, and no broken heads. One party would strive to remove the timbers of a bridge while another party sought to keep them in place; one squad filled ditches while another cleared them out; two men would have hold of a plank pulling in one direction, while at the opposite end two other men would be hauling another way. One memorable night the East street forces under the command of Dr. John Hubbard struggled from 9 o'clock until sunrise with the West street men led by Charles Kellogg. The West street men had during the day built a fence across the new road and as fast as the East-street men could tear it down it was rebuilt. The building of the fence was held to be illegal, and Mr. Kellogg was summoned before the court in Northampton and fined.

The East street men determined that the road should be opened to travel and that the fact it was so open must be demonstrated. Rallying all their forces they in one day put the road in running order, stationing men all along the route to guard it. Near the close of the day they sent a man out on the road leading to Sunderland to secure travel. He intercepted a loaded team and persuaded the teamster to cross the new road, with the assurance that the road was in good order and that a guard would accompany him. The West street men were on hand and ready to take part in the proceedings. The procession started, the West street men going ahead to build fences and take up bridges and the East street men following close behind and making the necessary repairs. Every rod of ground was contested, but Main street was reached in safety. While the East street men were shouting aloud in their triumph, the teamster arose, removed a mask from his face and disclosed himself to the crowd, a genuine "West-streeter." At a meeting held May 17, 1821, the town directed the selectmen to clear the encumbrances from the road and keep it clear. The excitement attendant on the building of the road soon died away, but for many years the residents on the West street would go a long distance





M. A. C. FARM HOUSE AND OLD BARN.



TOWN HALL.





out of their way to avoid passing over Triangle street. As a measure of retaliation on some of the residents at North Amherst who had been foremost in promoting the building of Triangle street, a new highway was soon afterwards opened from North Amherst to the "Plumtrees."

#### TOWN BUILDINGS.

With the exception of its school-houses and almshouse the town of Amherst owned no public building until the engine-house was erected in 1860. Town meetings were held at first in the meeting-houses of the First and Second parishes, and afterwards in Sweetser's hall, Agricultural hall, Palmer's hall and Village hall. The need of a public building, if recognized by the inhabitants, found no expression at town meeting until 1851. At the annual meeting in March, 1851, a committee appointed to consider the matter of building a new town hall submitted its report; this report the town voted to place on file. At a meeting held Dec. 4, 1854, the town expressed itself in favor of building a town hall, and appointed a committee of five to secure plans and estimates. This committee reported at a meeting held Jan. 1, 1855, when the town voted, 130 to 120, to dismiss the whole matter. At a meeting held Feb. 23, 1855, it was voted to postpone indefinitely the subject of building a town hall.

The burning of Palmer's hall in 1888 impressed upon the town the necessity of providing a place for holding its public meetings. At a special meeting held April 17, 1888, E. F. Cook, A. R. Cushman and Flavel Gaylord were appointed a committee to look for a site for a town-house, with instructions to report to the town at a future meeting. The committee inspected several pieces of land and after a careful consideration of the matter purchased the "Cooper lot," adjoining the rectory of Grace church, for \$3,500. At a special meeting held Aug. 25, the town instructed its committee to take a deed of the property in the name of the town, the necessary funds being appropriated from money in the treasury received from the sale of a portion of the town's stock in the Massachusetts Central railroad company. The committee was continued, authority being given to procure plans for a building, the same to be submitted at a future meeting. At a special meeting held Feb. 9, 1889, plans were submitted but no action was taken concerning them.

At an adjourned meeting held March 5, 1889, Levi Stockbridge, E. F. Cook, A. R. Cushman, Flavel Gaylord, L. D. Hills, E. T. Sabin, J. W. Howland, D. W. Palmer and W. W. Hunt were appointed a committee, with power to contract for building a town hall, to adopt such plans as in their judgment should seem best for the needs of the town, the building, including heating, lighting and furniture all complete and ready for occu-



pancy to cost not exceeding \$40,000. At a special meeting held March 30, the town voted to purchase the "Palmer lot," adjoining the "Cooper lot," at a cost of \$5,000. Thus for the very reasonable sum of \$8,500 the town secured one of the best and most suitable building sites in the center of the village. Plans for a building, drawn by Architect H. S. McKay of Boston, were accepted by the committee. They provided for a building 123 feet long with an extreme depth of 76 feet. On the northwest corner was to be a large tower, on the northeast corner a tower somewhat smaller. The main entrance on Maple avenue would open into a vestibule 16 feet square, leading to a corridor to traverse the building north and south. The rooms on the west side of the building were designed for the use of the town officials and for rental, those on the east side for the public library and a police court-room. The main body of the hall was to be 68 x 56 feet, the stage 36 x 20 feet. Seats were to be placed for the accommodation of 675 persons on the floor and 196 in the gallery. The building was to be of brick, with pink granite trimmings, the interior to be finished throughout in hard wood. Such, in brief, were the plans accepted for Amherst's first town hall.

At a special meeting held June 17, 1889, it was voted as the sense of the meeting that the town endorse the action of the building committee in making a contract with Mead, Mason & Co. of Boston to complete the town hall for \$44,500, according to plans and specifications. At a meeting held Nov. 11, it was voted that for the purpose of erecting a town hall the selectmen be authorized to contract a loan not exceeding \$50,000. The work of construction began in July, 1889. The first payments were made from money in the treasury. In order to meet current expenses, the selectmen obtained \$15,000 from the First National bank on their personal notes; they afterwards borrowed \$20,000 from the state treasury at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. interest to take up these obligations. Later on, four per cent. bonds were issued to the amount of \$50,000 and placed on the market. They were sold at a sufficient premium to reduce the interest rate to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. They bear date of Jan. 1, 1890, and are payable in ten years.

The building was completed in accordance with the contract and accepted by the committee Oct. 24, 1890. At a special meeting held Nov. 8, 1890, the building committee submitted their report to the town. Their expenditures were as follows: Mead, Mason & Co., on contract, \$46,500; W. W. Hunt, heating apparatus, \$2,562.59; Harwood Manufacturing company and Andrews Manufacturing company, seats, \$1,644.12; George Graves, stage curtains, fixtures, scenery, etc., \$655; architect, \$1,505; painting walls and ceiling, \$500; apparatus for lighting hall by electricity, \$304.87; superintendence, \$1,166.10; total direct expense, \$54,837.67; additional expenses, \$1,368.34; total, including land, \$64,323.39. The

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town voted to accept the report of its building committee and also to accept the building. It was voted, also, to pay to the committee \$4,600 from unappropriated money in the treasury to reimburse them for money raised on their personal notes to complete the payments on the building and to extend to the committee the thanks of the town for the care and fidelity they had shown in carrying the enterprise to a successful conclusion. The care of the building was left in the hands of the selectmen. The hall was formally opened to the public Nov. 19, at a ball given by Company K, 2d Reg't M. V. M.

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CHAPTER L.

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CRIMES, ACCIDENTS, EPIDEMICS.—FATAL ACCIDENTS.—MURDERS.—BIRDIE  
DANAHEY.—SMALL-POX IN AMHERST.

Amherst has been exceptionally free from the commission of serious crimes against either property or person. Three murders have been committed in the township limits, all of comparatively recent date. One was the deed of a tramp, the motive robbery; one by a half-witted young man, the motive jealousy; one by an Italian laborer, the motive, probably, self-defence. Not one of the murderers was a native of Amherst or had residence here when the crime was committed. The court records of Amherst are free from cases of criminal assault. Buildings have been destroyed by incendiary fires, but the perpetrators of these crimes have escaped detection. Robberies and burglaries have been committed, but seldom has the crime been accompanied by violence or the property stolen been of any considerable value. Of suicides and accidents attended by fatal results the town has had its share. A complete list of these from the settlement of the town would be difficult to compile, but a fairly accurate record of events of this character has been made for the last fifty years. One of the most peculiar suicides of earlier years was that of Dr. Samuel Gamwell, an esteemed resident of the town, who killed himself May 22, 1814, by fixing a sword against the wall of a room in his residence at East Amherst, and pressing his body against it until the blade had penetrated his vitals. Aug. 22, 1842, Wells Woodbridge, son of Ezra Ingram, aged 10, was killed by the kick of a horse. A marble tablet by the side of the highway leading from East Amherst to the "City" marks the spot where the accident occurred.





Of deaths by accident, the larger number have been caused by drowning. May 21, 1848, Orry Dodge, a young man whose parents lived in Pelham, was drowned in a small pond situated on land belonging to Lucius Dickinson at South Amherst. The accident occurred on Sunday morning; while bathing in the pond with a number of companions he was seized with a cramp and sank for the last time before aid could reach him. Nov. 25, 1861, Elisha Crossman, a boy, while crossing a stream at North Amherst fell from the bridge and was drowned. April 26, 1862, Dexter Kellogg, a resident of Amherst, was drowned in Miller's river. Aug. 11, 1863, three women were drowned at "Factory Hollow" in North Amherst; a fuller account of this tragedy is given in a later chapter of this work. Dec. 26, 1873, W. H. and S. T. Read, sons of H. L. Read, were drowned in Adams' pond. They were skating on the pond, and had gone to the assistance of another boy who had broken through the ice. Sept. 2, 1880, Charles B. Parsons, a boy, was drowned while bathing in L. E. Dickinson's mill-pond at North Amherst. Aug. 17, 1886, Charles G. Bowers and Miss Ida May Walker were drowned in Spofford lake at Chesterfield, N. H. A party of eleven persons had left Amherst the day before for a week's outing at the lake. The party were sailing on a catamaran when the accident occurred and all were thrown into the water, but only two were drowned. Mr. Bowers was struck by the boom of the boat and rendered insensible, while Miss Walker was caught in the rigging. July 3, 1887, Antonio Perletto, an Italian laborer employed in grading on the Mass. Central railway route, was drowned while bathing in Fort river. Aug. 25, 1896, Harold, son of Prof. Anson D. Morse, was drowned in Fort river at South Amherst. With three companions he was bathing in the river, when a raft on which they were playing was overturned and he, being unable to swim, was drowned.

Many fatalities have resulted from the accidental discharge of fire-arms. Oct. 5, 1850, Frederick Goodale, aged 17, shot and killed himself in the store of George Burnham at East Amherst. He had been hunting and was handling his gun in a careless fashion when it was discharged. Aug. 25, 1882, Merton J. Redding, a young man, was instantly killed by the discharge of a gun which he was holding while riding in a carriage. Sept. 17, 1892, John S. Davis, aged 13, son of James W. T. Davis, was killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle, while hunting with two of his boy companions in a lot to the north of Wildwood cemetery. He was alone at the time the accident occurred. Aug. 5, 1896, Henry D. Holt, aged 19, was killed by the discharge of a gun which he was placing in a boat, on the pond at North Hadley. The hammer caught and the charge of shot entered his breast.



Several persons have been fatally injured in railway accidents. July 8, 1862, Thomas Darrigan, a fireman on the Amherst, Belchertown and Palmer railway, was killed at the Amherst depot while coupling cars. June 4, 1870, James Hardaker, while walking on the railway track near North Amherst "City," was struck by a freight train and had both feet cut off above the ankles. He died from his injuries, his body being found the following morning. Aug. 10, 1882, Rev. Henry B. Smith died as the result of injuries received some weeks previous while attempting to board a moving train. April 20, 1887, William Haley was struck by a train on the Connecticut River railroad, near Holyoke, and killed. Sept. 17, 1887, Nathan Olney was run over by a freight train near the New London Northern depot and killed. The freight train was standing still as Olney crawled beneath it, to escape from a passenger train approaching on the track on which he had stood, but started on the moment and he was crushed beneath the wheels. Dec. 24, 1889, John Diggan was run over by a freight train on the Central Massachusetts railway, receiving injuries which resulted in his death the following day. Jan. 3, 1891, a party of young people residing in Florence visited Amherst on a sleighride excursion. On their return trip, while crossing the tracks of the Central Massachusetts railway near "Sand-hill," the sleigh was struck by a locomotive and two of the excursionists were killed, Henry B. Learned, a freshman at the Agricultural College and Miss Mabel R. Hinckley.

Many persons have died of injuries received from falls. Feb. 2, 1848, Catherine W. Baker died as the result of a fall. July 2, 1856, Oliver Nash of South Amherst, aged 70, fell from a load of hay, striking on his temple, dying almost instantly. Jan. 5, 1861, Hannah Dickinson died as the result of a fall. Dec. 30, 1861, Benjamin W. Allen, while threshing grain in his barn at East Amherst, fell from a scaffolding, striking on his head, causing instant death. Mr. Allen was 75 years of age. Feb. 21, 1862, John Williamson died from injuries received a few days previous, by falling on a stairway. March 4, 1865, James Dexter was killed by an accidental fall. June 19, 1890, Parnell Munson fell from the tracks of the New London Northern railway, at the bridge crossing College street, and died from the effects of the shock sustained. He was a passenger on the night freight train from New London, having with him a span of horses which he had bought in New York. The night was very dark, and it was supposed that Mr. Munson when he stepped from the train believed that it had reached the station. Mr. Munson had served the town as selectman and was a prominent man in the South parish. Nov. 4, 1893, John Primrose, a carpenter, died from the effects of a fall while engaged at work upon the large barn on the Agricultural College grounds.



Jan. 9, 1866, Mrs. Lyman Moody died from injuries received by being thrown from a wagon. June 23, 1867, Henry Flanders died at North Amherst from injuries received in being kicked by a horse, six days previous. Aug. 28, 1867, Patrick Stack was thrown from a wagon near the house of Horace Henderson; the wheels passed over his neck, breaking it and causing instant death. June 14, 1878, George E. Lamb, a resident of North Amherst, was kicked in the head and body by his horse, which he was holding at a railway crossing near Windsor Locks, Conn., receiving fatal injuries. Sept. 19, 1883, Francis F. Munson was thrown from a carriage and killed. June 20, 1892, Timothy Deady was thrown from a wagon while driving from Northampton to Amherst; striking on his head, his neck was broken, causing instant death.

Feb. 7, 1846, Aaron Howard was killed by a falling tree while chopping wood on Kellogg's hill in Sunderland. He was alone at the time the accident occurred and the body was discovered by his son. It is supposed that the branch of a falling tree struck him on the head, causing instant death. Nov. 2, 1872, Charles E. Thayer was killed by a falling tree at South Amherst. He was hunting squirrels, with a party of friends. They cut down a tree which contained a squirrel's nest, and this in falling struck a dead tree which also fell, and striking Mr. Thayer caused fatal injuries. Dec. 14, 1868, Charles F. Hayward died from the results of an accident sustained two days before. He was working at a circular saw, when a board sprang back, striking him in the abdomen and inflicting fatal injuries. April 28, 1873, John D. Parsons, while at work in the paper mill of J. R. Cushman & Son at North Amherst, was caught in the shafting and killed. He was alone in the mill at the time the accident occurred. Mr. Parsons was a veteran of the civil war, having served in the 27th Mass. regiment.

March 20, 1876, Solon H. Bridgman died at his home in South Amherst from hydrophobia. He was one of three persons who had been bitten several weeks before by a rabid dog; the others escaped serious illness. March 20, 1891, Addison Carpenter died at the Mass. General Hospital in Boston from hydrophobia, contracted six weeks previous by the bite of a pet dog. Jan. 27, 1870, Mrs. Lucius Yale died at her home in South Amherst from injuries received by burns, her apron catching fire as she was lifting a kettle from the stove. Aug. 6, 1881, Patrick Danahey died from sunstroke. March 20, 1891, John Begley died from exposure to the cold, his body being found in a piece of woodland owned by W. A. Magill.

Nine persons have committed suicide in Amherst in the past fifty years. Of these five chose hanging as a means of self-destruction. July 1, 1844, Martha Strong committed suicide by drowning. Sept. 17, 1860,





Addison Lovett of South Amherst hanged himself on account of domestic troubles. Dec. 31, 1873, Albert McElwain shot himself with a pistol inflicting a mortal wound. March 21, 1882, Timothy Cribbin, an employee in one of the hat factories, who had resided in this country about seven years, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. June 3, 1883, Mrs. Josephine E. Pickering committed suicide by cutting her throat with a knife. In the year 1884, there were three suicides by hanging. May 17, Edward P. Pomeroy, a well-known resident of South Amherst and selectman at the time, hanged himself in his bedroom while suffering from temporary insanity. July 30, Edwin P. Church committed suicide by hanging. He had been blind from infancy and had but recently been taken to the almshouse. Oct. 13, Alanson Chapin hanged himself at East Amherst. He was 86 years old, and his mind had been affected by the death of his sister, which occurred the week before. Aug. 15, 1893, Mary E. Danahey committed suicide by hanging. She had been despondent for some time and was probably insane.

The first murder committed in the town of Amherst was that of Moses B. Dickinson, a prosperous farmer who resided on Northampton street in a house situated near the site of the residence now occupied by Horace D. Dana. Mr. Dickinson's dead body was discovered in his house on the evening of Nov. 27, 1875, with his head frightfully mangled. Some three weeks previous to the commission of the crime Mr. Dickinson's wife had left him, owing to domestic troubles, and had gone to live with their oldest son, Lucius M. Dickinson, her husband being left alone in the house. Soon after her departure the neighbors noticed, at work about the place, a stranger whom Mr. Dickinson called "John." Nov. 17, W. W. Smith and a Mr. Rogers, the latter a tobacco-buyer, called upon Mr. Dickinson and bought some tobacco which the latter delivered at the depot the following day. "John" was present at the time, and while at the depot persuaded Mr. Dickinson, as it appeared against his will, to sell to the buyer another crop of tobacco. The money for the two crops, about \$125, was paid to Mr. Dickinson in "John's" presence. On the night of Nov. 25, L. M. Dickinson and a younger brother went to their father's home to invite him to come and take supper with them. They were unable to gain admission to the house, but supposing that he had gone out they made no effort to force an entrance. Two days afterwards the neighbors began to suspect that something was wrong at the Dickinson house. They notified L. M. Dickinson, and the latter accompanied by James Graves visited the premises and broke open the door of the house. They found Mr. Dickinson's body lying on a lounge, with the head badly mutilated. His pocket-book was missing and nothing was to be found of "John." The selectmen at once offered a reward of \$500 for the appre-



hension of the murderer, the amount being afterwards increased to \$1,000.

In January, 1885, parties in Tennessee wrote to the postmaster at Amherst, inquiring if a crime similar to one described had been committed in Amherst; if so, whether a reward was offered for the arrest of the murderer. Correspondence elicited the fact that a tramp under arrest at Tazewell, Tenn. had confessed the commission of such a crime: he gave the name of Allen J. Adams. The evidence was submitted to District Attorney Bond, and Sheriff Clark and Detective Munyan went to Tazewell where they secured Adams and brought him back with them. To these officers Adams made a full confession. He stated that he killed Mr. Dickinson with an axe, stole his pocket-book and walked to Northampton. Adams was arraigned before the district court, March 11, 1885, and on advice of his counsel pleaded not guilty. The counsel assigned him by the court were W. G. Bassett and J. B. O'Donnell. He was held for the grand jury, who brought in an indictment against him at the June term. The case was tried before the supreme court at Northampton, beginning Dec. 7. The defence offered was insanity. The jury brought in their verdict, Dec. 9, as guilty of murder in the first degree. Adams was sentenced to be hung in March, but on March 9 attempted to commit suicide by cutting himself with a pocket-knife. A reprieve was granted until April 16, when he was hanged at the jail in Northampton. The last previous execution in Hampshire county occurred in 1813, when a negro was hung for rape.

On Sunday, July 3, 1887, a party of Italians, engaged in grading on the line of the Massachusetts Central railway and living in a shanty standing on land owned by Salmon Wakefield, engaged in a fight, in course of which Guisepppe Falbe shot and killed Leonard Turzo and wounded the latter's brother Pasquale. From the testimony elicited from witnesses of the deed it seemed probable that it was committed in self-defence and Falbe made his escape.

The third murder committed in Amherst was the deed of a half-witted young man whose motive was jealousy. Sept. 19, 1890, a social dance was held at the house of Eugene Joslyn at North Amherst "City." Among those in attendance were John B. Davis of Ware, Eva May Holden, 16 years of age, and her escort James Hardaker. Miss Holden had formerly lived in Ware, and Davis had paid her many attentions which she had discouraged. During the evening he several times requested her to dance with him, but she refused. Davis left the house where the dance was held about 3-30 o'clock A. M., Hardaker and Miss Holden remaining about a half hour longer. As the two latter were riding homeward in a top-buggy, when on Pine street near the house of Edward Atkins they were accosted by Davis, who stepped from the bushes by the roadside and fired four shots



from a revolver. The first shot struck Miss Holden in the left breast just below the heart, inflicting a wound from which she died almost instantly. One of the shots struck Mr. Hardaker in the abdomen. The following morning Deputy Sheriff William W. Smith and his son William H. arrested Davis at his work, he being employed at the time as a wood-chopper by a firm of local lumbermen. At the supreme court held in Northampton in April, 1891, he plead guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Friday morning, April 6, 1887, Birdie Danahey, a bright little girl, six years old, living with her grandfather Patrick Danahey in the eastern part of the town, started for the school which she attended at East Amherst. She was seen at 11 A. M. in company with another young girl, Eva Train, near the house of Edmund Hastings, and again at 11-30 near the house of George C. Fitch. She did not return to her home in the afternoon, and her relatives becoming alarmed started a course of inquiries. The Train girl told many contradictory stories, among others one to the effect that a man and a woman had threatened to carry Birdie away. All day Saturday and Sunday a general search for her was carried on, the students from the two colleges joining with the townspeople in their efforts to unravel the mystery of her disappearance. There was a general belief that she had fallen or been pushed into Fort river, which was swollen by recent heavy rains, but although the river-banks were carefully searched for many miles no trace of the missing girl was found. Other persons have disappeared from Amherst in ways which at the time appeared mysterious, but investigation has generally shown that there was good and sufficient reason for their departure. The mystery of Birdie Danahey remains unsolved.

Amherst has suffered but little from epidemics of disease. The favored location of the town, its healthful climate and the lack of a tenement-house population have proved unfavorable to the spread of contagious disease. The town has twice been visited by small-pox, but in both instances it was confined to narrow limits and the resulting fatalities were few. In November, 1831, three cases of small-pox and from 16 to 20 cases of varioloid occurred among the students at the Mount Pleasant Institute. A daughter of Mrs. Holbrook, the nurse in attendance, visited her mother in the sick room and contracted the disease in a mild form. Two colored women who were accidentally exposed to the disease at Mount Pleasant, had it in confluent form with fatal results. In the latter part of March and the first part of April, 1864, small-pox made its appearance among the colored residents in the "Bee Hive" which stood on the site now occupied by S. A. Phillips' store. The selectmen promptly took the matter in hand, fitted up a barn on land owned by A. P. Howe, near the Hadley line, for a pest-house, and removed the whole "swarm of bees" to these





new quarters. There were many cases of the disease among the colored people, but only two proved fatal, two young girls dying in April. May 6, a resident of North Amherst was taken ill with the disease and removed to the pest-house. May 13, there was but one patient under treatment. In January, 1882, a student at Amherst College was attacked by varioloid: there was considerable excitement among the students and townspeople, and local physicians were overwhelmed by persons desirous of being vaccinated, but no cases of small-pox resulted and the excitement gradually died away. In the spring of 1890, the residents of Amherst suffered severely from the "grippe" epidemic, which caused the death of many aged persons.

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## CHAPTER LI.

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### SCHEMES FOR ACQUIRING WEALTH.—THE MULBERRY CRAZE.—MINING STOCK INVESTMENTS.—ASSESSMENT INSURANCE.—OLD BUSINESS FIRMS.

The residents of Amherst, while possessed of their fair share of New England shrewdness and business tact, have from time to time been victimized by schemes for gaining great wealth in ways apart from the ordinary. The amount of good money that has been permanently invested in enterprises the sole return from which has been experience would make a welcome addition to the town's valuation list to-day. Among the crazes that have from time to time prevailed in the town, the greatest prominence must be given to the culture of mulberry trees and the raising of silk-worms in the '30s, and the investments in mining stocks, and certificates in assessment insurance companies, in the '80s.

About the year 1830, Timothy Smith, a farmer residing in South Amherst, began the business of raising white mulberry trees, hatching and feeding silk-worms, and selling the silk reeled from cocoons to silk manufacturers. For a few years he followed the business in a small way with satisfactory results. Other persons in the town became interested in the business, and in a short time the "mulberry craze" took possession of the town and forced its way into neighboring communities. The farmers were the first to engage in the new enterprise, but business and professional men were soon attracted by the opportunities which it seemed to afford for



the rapid acquirement of wealth. All classes in the community become interested, and for many months mulberry trees and silk culture were the absorbing topics of conversation. In 1835, Nathan Adams of Leverett began to raise at West Hartford, Conn., a new variety of mulberry tree, very rapid in growth, called the *morus multicaulis*. Oliver M. Clapp of East Amherst became interested in the business, and on the death of Mr. Adams he purchased for \$450 some 1300 trees and brought them from West Hartford to Amherst.

In 1836, the Second parish being badly in need of a new church building, it was decided by some of the more influential of the church-members that the necessary funds could be most readily secured if the parish should go into the business of raising mulberry trees. Mr. Clapp sold his trees to the parish, land was hired and a committee of three, consisting of O. M. Clapp, Judge Ithamar Conkey and Major Ebenezer Mattoon, was appointed to manage the business for the parish. From these trees cuttings were sold, consisting of twigs three inches long, on each of which were two buds, the price being two cents a twig or one cent a bud. The prospect of securing funds for the new church seemed so bright that one good old deacon remarked at a weekly prayer-meeting that the Lord had seen their great need of a church and had kindly prepared a way for them to get it. In 1837, the firm of Clapp & Rust was formed, for the raising of mulberry trees, the propagation of silk-worms and the production of raw silk. Silk-worm eggs were in great demand; the price being from ten to twelve cents per hundred, while mulberry seed sold for \$15 per ounce. Much worthless seed was sold to the farmers, who neglected their regular farm crops that they might devote their time to silk culture. There was profit in the business for some who engaged in it. It is recorded that a quarter of an acre of land, near the house where Noah Dickinson now lives, was set with cuttings in the spring, and in the fall the owner sold about one-half the trees raised for \$1070, while the purchaser, a Northampton man, resold the trees at once and doubled his money. In those days a man could start out in the morning with a little bundle of cuttings under his arm and return to his home in time for dinner with \$100 to \$200 in cash in his pocket as the result of his sales. Clapp & Rust produced a considerable quantity of raw silk, which was pronounced as good as the imported article and was sold to manufacturers in Northampton. Two kinds of worms were reared, the "four weeks" and the "six weeks," these names being given to signify the time required for the worms to come to maturity and spin their cocoons after hatching.

From the files of the *Hampshire Gazette* are gathered the following statistics concerning the silk culture in Amherst. The Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden Agricultural society in 1834 awarded to Theodore



Lyman of Amherst a premium of \$4 for the greatest length of white mulberry hedge set for a division fence. Timothy Smith presented the following application for premiums on exhibits at the agricultural fair held in Northampton in the fall of 1838:

"The undersigned offers for premium and examination the following, viz.

1—156 lbs. of cocoons reeled the past season.

2—16,000 mulberry trees raised on  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land, from foliage of which was fed about 60,000 worms.

3—8,000 Canton and Manilla Multicaulis trees from roots, cuttings and layers, which afforded 550 pounds of foliage sufficient for 15,000 worms and from which was raised 38 pounds of cocoons.

4—30,000 mulberry trees from seed, had of Dr. Stebbins, which is supposed to have grown on the highlands of China. These trees, I think, will exceed the Morus or Manilla Multicaulis in resisting the cold, and equal it in weight of foliage.

TIMOTHY SMITH."

The *Gazette*, having printed this application, adds the following comment: "Mr. Smith has ascertained that raw silk can be produced at from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per pound, while manufacturers have paid from \$5 to \$6 per pound for raw silk. Mr. Smith has received a bounty from the state of \$45.60 for 156 pounds of cocoons, 23 pounds of reeled and 37 pounds of thrown silk." The Amherst Silk association was incorporated in 1839. Concerning this organization the *Gazette* says: "The friends of the silk culture in Amherst have formed themselves into a society, with a view of collecting and diffusing information upon the whole subject of the silk culture. Timothy Smith, one of the best practical silk culturists in the state, is president, Nelson Rust vice-president, William P. Thornton secretary, William Barnard treasurer, Matthew Porter, Levi Lincoln, Merrick Houghton, Oliver M. Clapp and Jacob Stetson executive committee." At the cattle show of the Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden agricultural society held in 1840, Timothy Smith received premiums as follows: \$5 on the largest number of mulberry trees of any kind, 401,150; \$5 for the greatest number of Canton trees, 394,000; \$2, fourth prize, on greatest number of Asiatic trees; \$3 on case of silk. At the annual meeting of the society in March, 1841, Mr. Smith claimed and received premiums as follows: On 14 pounds raw silk grown and reeled in 1840, on 6 pounds silk manufactured into sewings, and  $53\frac{1}{2}$  yards of broad gros de nap and vestings, light color.

In the latter part of the '30s the tide of speculation reached its turning point and began to recede. The difficulties and risks attendant upon silk culture in New England became more thoroughly understood, and those who had been most eager to engage in the enterprise lost no time in abandoning it. There was a heavy fall in the prices of mulberry seed, cuttings and silk-worm eggs, and although some who had faith in the future of the





business retained their stock in hope of better times it was soon apparent that the silk industry, so far as Amherst was concerned, was a thing of the past. The Second parish raised some trees and sold them, but the funds for their new church had to be raised by old time methods. When the crash came Clapp & Rust had over \$13,000 worth of trees on hand, at the ruling prices, but these assets proved of little value. To-day all that remains to remind one of the silk craze in Amherst is an occasional mulberry tree, here and there about the town, its berries furnishing food to the robins and its foliage a prey to other worms than those which commanded so high a price sixty years ago.

Some forty years after the "mulberry era," Amherst people began to invest money liberally in the stocks of gold and silver mines located in the far West. In the fall of 1880, the stock of the Starr-Grove silver mining company was placed on sale in Amherst, the price being fixed at \$2 per share. The mine was situated in Nevada and was said to be very rich in mineral. Soon after the first shares were disposed of the company began paying monthly dividends of ten cents per share, the same being continued for a period of eight months. The prospects of a dividend of \$1.20 per annum on shares of stock purchased for \$2 naturally caused the latter to be in great demand. The price was soon advanced and there was a great rush of investors who were determined to have the stock at any price. The affairs of the Starr-Grove company were managed by a firm of New York brokers, one of the partners being Col. W. S. Clark, a former president of the Agricultural College and highly esteemed in this town where he had resided for many years. This firm also controlled the stocks in many other gold and silver mines, and shares of the latter were offered for sale in Amherst and found ready purchasers. Among the favorite stocks for investment were those of the Stormont and the Hite mining companies. The mining craze, like the mulberry craze, affected all classes in the community. Business men, professional men, farmers, mechanics, laborers, all found money to invest in mining stocks, some of them borrowing the funds and mortgaging lands and buildings that they might buy tickets in the lottery for wealth. It has been estimated that as much as a quarter of a million dollars was, in less than one year, invested in mining stocks by residents of Amherst. In June, 1881, the Starr-Grove company ceased to pay dividends, the reason offered being that a new stamp mill was to be erected and a railway built to carry ore from the mines to the mill. This stoppage of dividends caused a sharp decline in the selling price of mining stocks in Amherst, and investors hastened to dispose of their certificates at the best price they could secure, many of them finding their shares unsalable at any price.



It was not until the spring of 1887 that the craze for endowment or assessment insurance made itself felt in Amherst. It had existed in neighboring communities, notably in Florence, for some years previous, but it was some time before the promoters of the schemes to manifold wealth by extraordinary methods discovered how gullible the public is, and how ready it is to welcome the most extravagant schemes for gaining riches at the expense of others. The time has not yet come for writing the history of assessment insurance in Massachusetts. Its victims are too many, and they hold as yet too lively a recollection of their own folly and the duplicity of the promoters of these enterprises to consider them in an impartial manner. Amherst suffered less from this craze than did many of the neighboring communities, but large sums, how large it is difficult to estimate, were invested in the "certificates" of the all but numberless associations that sprang up like mushrooms in all parts of the state. A branch of the "Iron Hall" was instituted in Amherst, May 3, 1887. This order or association issued certificates to its members, agreeing to pay them at the end of seven years \$600, \$800 or \$1000, as the certificate might read. In the event of sickness during this term they were entitled to a weekly payment of "sick benefits" up to a certain amount, and in case of death a proportionate sum would be paid to the heirs, or the latter could continue the payments on certificates up to the time of their maturity and receive the full amount. An initiation fee was charged and quarterly dues. In addition to these fixed expenses, certificate-holders were liable to assessments of certain sums, graduated in amount by the amount of their certificates, and payable at such times as might be decided on by the "supreme" officials of the order. On certificates for \$1,000 each assessment was for \$2.50, and they were called once or twice in each month. The promoters of the order estimated that each certificate-holder would pay in during the term of seven years not more than one-third the amount of his certificate. The order had been in operation in Massachusetts for a number of years and its business had been conducted in such a satisfactory manner that men of all classes became interested in it. The Amherst branch of the order gained rapidly in membership, both in this and surrounding towns. Considerable sums were paid to members from time to time in the way of "sick benefits." Persons belonging to the order possessed the utmost faith in the financial theories it embodied, and when in 1891 other organizations founded on the system of assessment insurance became insolvent there was but a slight falling off in membership. The order continued to do business until the summer of 1892, when legal proceedings were instituted against the supreme officers and it was forced to suspend. In course of time a receiver was appointed, and the certificate-holders who continued their payments up to the time that an injunction





PHOENIX ROW—1840.



PHOENIX ROW BEFORE 1880.





against the order was issued by the courts, received about 35 per cent. of the amount they had paid in.

A branch of the "Mutual One Year Benefit" order was organized in Amherst, Oct. 24, 1890. It had a large membership at the first but in company with many other of the mushroom "orders" it was forced to retire from business in 1891 and few of the certificate-holders received any return for the money they had paid in. Nov. 12, 1890, a conclave of the "Commercial Endowment" association was organized in Amherst. The headquarters of this order were at Northampton, and as prominent business men were connected with it, it readily gained the confidence of the more conservative people who had refused to have anything to do with the earlier organizations. That this confidence was not misplaced is proven by the fact that the association, although forced to give up business in the fall of 1892, returned to its certificate-holders nearly dollar for dollar of the amounts they had paid in. These were the only assessment insurance companies to organize branches in Amherst, but many residents of the town took out certificates in from one to a dozen of the almost numberless "fraternal" and "benevolent" and "protective" swindles which flourished for a time and then went into bankruptcy, with no available assets. Other forms of permanent investment have appealed to Amherst residents from time to time, the most recent being the lottery of mortgage loans on Western real estate, which has resulted in the acquirement by Amherst parties of several more or less valuable tracts of land in the Middle-Western states.

## OLD BUSINESS FIRMS.

On page 140 of this volume reference is made to some of the firms and individuals who were engaged in business in Amherst in 1815. It would be interesting, did space permit, to trace from the beginning the development of different lines of mercantile business in the town, but a brief review must suffice. The first business directory of Amherst was published in 1869; for any record of business enterprises established before that date dependence must be placed upon the memory of the older residents of the town and advertisements printed in the publications of the time. Cotton Smith & Co. were in business as early as 1810, near the meeting-house at East Amherst. They kept a general store, dealing in crockery, glassware, groceries, liquors, dye-stuffs, etc. The firm was dissolved in June, 1811, and was succeeded by Smith & Porter; in May, 1812, the latter firm was dissolved, Cotton Smith continuing the business at the old stand. C. & J. U. Hamilton were in business in 1810. In the *Hampshire Gazette*, under date of July 25, 1810, appears the following notice: "Solomon Dewey, one of the firm of Hamilton, Dewey & Co.,



having absconded—the firm therefore is this day dissolved—this is to forbid all persons paying anything to anyone except—CALVIN U. HAMILTON.” Rufus Cowls was also in business in 1810. His store, a small wooden building, fronted on Pleasant street at the corner of Cowles lane. He dealt in hardware, groceries, liquors, drugs and medicines.

Leonard Dwight and H. Wright Strong conducted a general store in Amherst prior to 1812; in April of that year, the partnership was dissolved and a new one formed by Strong and Elijah Dwight. H. Wright Strong was in business in 1815; his store stood on the site now occupied by Adams’ drug-store. In 1824, Luke Sweetser, who had been for three years in Mr. Strong’s employ, bought out the business, continuing it under his own name until March, 1830, when his brother, J. A. Sweetser, became associated with him under the firm name of L. & J. A. Sweetser. A few years later, J. A. Sweetser severed his connection with the firm and William Cutler and Luke Sweetser formed a partnership under the firm name of Sweetser & Cutler. In 1848, George Cutler became a member of the concern, the name being changed to Sweetser, Cutler & Co. Mr. Sweetser retired from the business in 1857, and the Cutler brothers continued it under the firm name of W. & G. Cutler. The firm of Geo. Cutler & Co. was formed in 1870 and continued in business until 1884, when it was succeeded by the present firm of Jackson & Cutler.

Nathaniel Jacobs and Samuel Perrin were in business in Amherst in 1814, the firm being dissolved in November of that year and Samuel Perrin continuing the business at the old stand. In March, 1815, Thomas Dyer, better known as “Capt.” Dyer, formed a partnership with Timothy S. Goodman, the firm doing business at East Amherst. Joseph and Asahel Thayer were in business in 1816, the partnership being dissolved in February of that year, the business being continued by Joseph Thayer. In 1820, Azell Dunbar was a manufacturer of and dealer in looking-glasses at East Amherst.

In 1826, the leading store-keepers in Amherst were Luke Sweetser and Graves & Field. They dealt in cloths, dry goods of all kinds, crockery and glass, groceries, wines, spirits, etc. Asahel Thayer conducted a general store, probably at the center, while Philip L. Goss & Co. kept a general store at South Amherst. The Amherst book-store was conducted by Mark H. Newman. Jacob Edson was a dealer in cabinet furniture at the center and Caleb W. Newell & Co. manufactured and sold furniture at East Amherst. Lucius Boltwood was agent for the Springfield fire insurance company, and Edward Dickinson agent of the Aetna insurance company. Harvey Worthington and Ebenezer Fisk conducted a hat-store at the Center. Lewis Hills kept a meat-market in the basement of Boltwood’s tavern. Lyman Knowles manufactured coaches and wagons at



South Amherst near the meeting-house. Ebenezer Eames, Jr., conducted a blacksmith shop.

In 1828, the firm of Graves & Field was succeeded by that of Field & Dickinson, the latter continuing in business only about a year when it was dissolved. Leander Merrick was a draper and tailor, continuing in business until after 1850. E. W. Storrs conducted a general store for many years, starting business in 1828. C. Stratton was a "surgeon dentist" in Amherst for a great many years. In 1835, M. G. Forgate and Jonas Houghton conducted the Amherst furniture warerooms, the firm being dissolved in October of that year and a new partnership formed under the name of Jones & Houghton. Solomon Pitkin conducted the "brick store," selling a general assortment of goods; he was succeeded by Pitkin & Kellogg.

The Amherst cabinet warerooms were conducted in May, 1835, by William F. Bangs. During the year the firm name became McKinney & Bangs. This business was purchased by Hiram Fox in 1843, and two years later was sold to Merrick M. Marsh. In 1860, the firm name was changed to Marsh & Young, in 1867 to Marsh & Son, in 1875 to E. D. Marsh & Young, and in 1883 the business was purchased by E. D. Marsh who now conducts it. When J. S. & C. Adams engaged in the business of printing and publishing in 1824, they established a book-store in connection with their business, which has been carried on up to the present time; it is at present conducted by Edwin Nelson, who bought it from Charles Adams in 1871.

In 1844, D. Mack, Jr. & Son conducted a general store at Amherst center. L. M. Hills owned a dry-goods and grocery store at East Amherst and William Dickinson & Co. a general store at South Amherst. Abel A. Butler and C. Kellogg were dealers in boots and shoes. S. Harrington dealt in watches, clocks and jewelry. William Kellogg, Jr. conducted the Amherst furnishing store. J. & S. Colton were tailors, S. D. Learned a book-binder and Newton Fitch a druggist. John Slattery cleaned and colored clothes. Seneca Holland sold dry-goods, paints and oils as early as 1832; about 1859 he took his son Henry in partnership with him under the firm name of S. Holland & Son. Henry Holland carried on the business from 1883 until his death in 1888, when he was succeeded by the present firm of Holland & Gallond. In 1840, Joseph Blynn conducted a stove-store and tin-shop at Amherst center; he was succeeded by a Mr. Montague and he by Charles E. Morse, the latter selling out in 1855 to W. W. Hnnt, who still carries on the business.

Mirick N. Spear has conducted a news and stationery store at Amherst center since 1850. E. G. Shumway opened a photographer's establish-





ment in Amherst in 1850, and in 1856 sold out to J. L. Lovell who has since carried on the business. C. E. Hutchinson opened a harness and trunk store in Amherst in 1853, and has continued the business up to the present time, occupying his present business quarters in the American house block since 1856. In 1850, E. S. & F. A. Pierce were extensive dealers in groceries and general merchandise, and Strickland & Dickinson were manufacturers of and dealers in furniture. In 1855, R. Chauncey Russell conducted a merchants' tailoring business. Field & Strickland had succeeded Strickland & Dickinson in the furniture business. Henry C. Kellogg was a dealer in boots and shoes. George Graves was engaged in the business of sign and ornamental painting. D. J. Bartlett was a dealer in millinery goods. In 1860, Parks Bros., W. Barrows & Co. and M. A. & B. W. Allen were leading merchants at the center. The above is, of course, a very incomplete list of the persons doing business in Amherst during the present century. It will serve, however, to pleasantly recall to many of the readers of this volume the names and personalities of many who have been prominently connected with the business interests of the town.

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## CHAPTER LII.

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OLD HOUSES.—TOWN POLITICS.—AMUSEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS.—  
AMHERST'S CENTENNIAL.—WEATHER PHENOMENA.—STORM AND  
FLOOD.—THE "BLIZZARD."

Much of interest might be recorded concerning the old houses in the town, but the subject is too broad to admit of comprehensive treatment in such a work as this. Reference has been made to some of the older dwellings at the center, the Strong, the Boltwood, the Dickinson and the Merrill houses. There is a very old house on the Bay road at South Amherst, now occupied by F. S. Jewett. It was an old house, known as the "Smith place," when bought in 1803 by Jonathan Thayer, grandfather of Dwight Thayer. The house on the West street at South Amherst now occupied by Walter Hayward is one of the oldest in that neighborhood, and with its projecting second story belongs to one of the oldest types of architecture in New England. The houses at Mill Valley occupied by Flavel Gaylord and E. W. Clark, built in 1782, are in excellent preservation, affording



good types of the capacious gambrel-roofed dwellings that were in such high favor with an earlier generation. There are many ancient dwellings at East Amherst and North Amherst, some of them "houses with a history" which there is not space here to record. The house at the center now occupied by the Misses Cowles was standing in 1821, when it was occupied by Dr. Rufus Cowles. The house now occupied by the Psi Upsilon fraternity was the "president's house" of Amherst College. The Amherst house "Annex," known for many years as "Gunn's hotel," is one of the older buildings at the center. The house now occupied by Rev. Nelson Scott was for many years used as a tavern. The old Henderson house, which stood on the site now occupied by the Botanic Museum of the Agricultural College, was torn down in October, 1865. The "Bee Hive," formerly a part of the Mt. Pleasant Institute buildings, was torn down in July, 1865. Other old houses standing at the center are those now occupied by John C. White, by Prof. G. F. Mills, by the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and built by Dr. Sellon, and the old Montague house on Main street. Sweetser's hall, also known as "Concert" hall, was in the upper part of the block occupied by Sweetser's store on Merchants' Row. Phoenix hall was in the upper part of the Phoenix block, which occupied the site where Cook's block now stands. These, with the exception of "Agricultural hall," were the only public halls at the center until Palmer's block was erected in 1868.

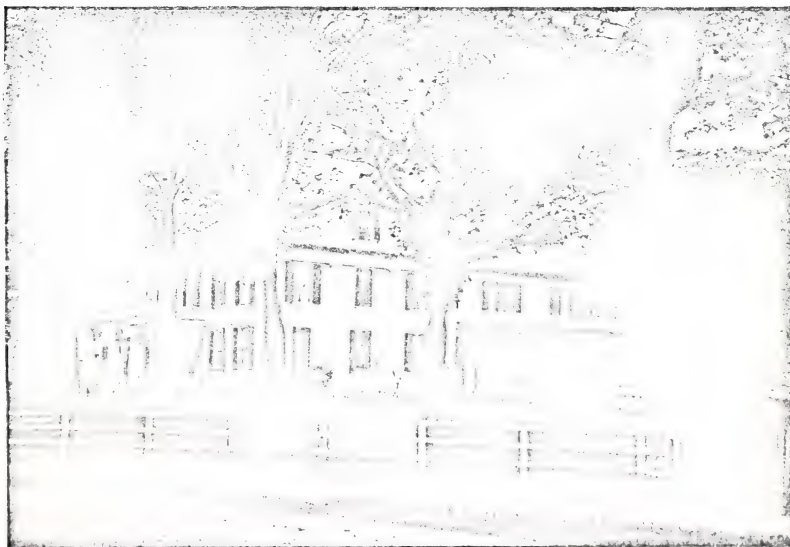
## TOWN POLITICS.

Since the earlier days the residents of Amherst have taken an active and intelligent interest in politics and elections. Up to the year 1872, the claims of party fealty were held in high esteem by Amherst voters, but since that day there has frequently been shown an independence in political action that is well worthy of record. When the Federalists controlled the state, Amherst gave that party loyal support. When the struggle came between the Whigs and Democracy, Amherst was found ranged with the Whigs. Since the birth of the Republican party, Amherst has given strong support to its candidates, with one or two exceptions. Amherst recorded its desire for a state constitution in 1778 and again in 1779. The first election was held under this constitution Sept. 4, 1780, when Amherst gave John Hancock 43 votes for governor and eight to James Bowdoin. In 1788, Amherst sent Daniel Cooley as its representative to the state convention which passed upon the question of adopting the constitution of the United States. Mr. Cooley represented the wishes of his constituents, and general public sentiment in this part of the state, by voting against the constitution. There is no record of Amherst's vote for presidential electors in 1789, but in 1792 votes were cast for sixteen persons for electors, the number of ballots for each varying from one to 24. In





JUDGE JOHN DICKINSON'S HOUSE.



THE DELANO HOUSE, BURNED IN 1876.





1796, Amherst voted for but one presidential elector, Ebenezer Mattoon receiving 51 votes. In 1804, the electoral ticket bearing the names of nineteen persons, including that of Ebenezer Mattoon, received 123 votes, while the opposition ticket had but 20. This was the year when Massachusetts gave her electoral vote to Jefferson for president. In 1820, the residents of Amherst had the privilege of voting for two electors at large and one for the Northern Hampshire district; no votes were cast for electors at large.

When the republican party was first organized it received a strong support in Amherst. At the presidential election in 1856, Amherst cast 418 votes for Fremont, 43 for Buchanan and 28 for Fillmore, the "American" party candidate. The same year the town gave the following votes for representative: Enos D. Williams, republican, 248; Noah Dickinson, "American," 222; M. A. Allen, democrat, 37. At the presidential election in 1860, Amherst cast 407 votes for Lincoln, 26 for Bell, 40 for Douglass and 40 for Breckenridge. At that time Amherst had no telegraph connection with the outside world, and the telegraphic and news-gathering systems of the country were not sufficiently complete to afford an accurate estimate of the result of a presidential election until at least 24 hours after the polls had closed. On Wednesday, the day following election-day, a party of Amherst citizens drove to Northampton to get the election returns as early as possible. It was not until an early hour Thursday morning that they learned the news of Lincoln's election; returning to Amherst, they awakened people living along the route to tell them the good news. When Amherst was reached the town was quickly aroused, bells were rung, cannon fired, and the day was ushered in with general jubilation. When Lincoln was re-elected in 1864, Amherst gave him 512 votes and but 47 to McClellan.

At the presidential election in 1868, Amherst gave Grant 554 votes and Seymour 86; four years later, when Horace Greeley, the "farmers' friend," was the Democratic and Liberal candidate, Amherst gave Greeley 179 votes to 389 for Grant. In 1874, Charles A. Stevens of Ware was nominated for Congress by the republicans of the Tenth Massachusetts district. There was little personal opposition to Mr. Stevens within the party, but the charge was made that his nomination was the act of a political "ring," that had long exercised its power in district politics. It was also charged that money had been used by his friends in securing his nomination. Under these circumstances, the friends of Julius H. Seelye, at that time a professor in Amherst College, requested that he permit them to place him in nomination as an independent candidate for Congress. Professor Seelye gave his consent, and it is recorded that the only money expended by him during the campaign was for the postage-stamp that he



placed on his letter of acceptance. The campaign was sharply fought on either side, and Prof. Seelye was elected, his majority in the district being 294 in a total vote of over 15,000. Amherst gave Seelye 452 votes, Stevens 62.

In 1884, Amherst gave Blaine 374 votes and Cleveland 224. In 1888, Amherst gave Harrison 452 and Cleveland 224. In 1892, Harrison's vote was 507 and Cleveland's 263. The voters of Amherst have taken part in many interesting struggles over the nomination and election of congressmen, state senators, representatives and county officials, which, although exciting and interesting at the time, were of little historic importance. Members of the U. S. Congress residing in Amherst at the time of their election, were as follows: Ebenezer Mattoon, Jr., 1801-03; Osmyn Baker, 1839-45; Edward Dickinson, 1853-55; Julius H. Seelye, 1874-76. Ebenezer Mattoon, Jr. served as presidential elector in 1792, 1796, 1820 and 1828. Edward Dickinson was a member of the Governor's Council in 1846-47, as was Timothy J. Gridley in 1849-50. The following members of the state Senate were residents of Amherst when elected: Simeon Strong, 1792-93; Ebenezer Mattoon, Jr., 1795-96; John Leland, 1833-34; Edward Dickinson, 1842-43; James W. Boyden, 1858; Lucius M. Boltwood, 1860. Prior to 1857, each town in the state was entitled to send a representative to the General Court; in 1857, representative districts were formed. From 1857 to 1866, inclusive, Amherst was in the Fifth Hampshire district, with Granby and Pelham; from 1867 to 1876, inclusive, in the Fourth Hampshire district, with South Hadley; from 1877 to 1885, inclusive, in the Fourth Hampshire district, with Pelham, Prescott and South Hadley; since 1886, in the Fourth Hampshire district, with Belcher-town and Granby. These districts have, with rare exceptions, sent republicans as representatives to the General Court.

#### TOWN LAWSUITS.

The Hadley Third Precinct received as a part of its inheritance from the parent town the suit against John Morton and Nathan Dickinson for encroachments on the highways. The prosecution of this suit may have been responsible in part for the taste for litigation developed among the descendants of the "East Inhabitants." Certain it is that the town of Amherst has been involved in many lawsuits, sometimes as plaintiff, oftener as defendant, and that considerable sums of money have been paid from the town treasury for legal expenses. A majority of these suits have had to do with matters relating to the highways and pauper settlements. Without attempting a complete record of these cases, brief reference may be made to some few which have attracted special interest within the past fifty years.



In 1858, the town of Amherst brought suit against the town of Shelburne, to decide the rightful place of settlement of Norman Smith, an insane pauper. The case was partially tried in February, 1858, and was taken to the Supreme Court on law exceptions which were decided in Amherst's favor. It was again tried before the superior court at Northampton, in February, 1859, and the decision was given against Amherst. The legal expenses of the suit to the town were \$1,859.78; it was also compelled to pay \$1,332.38 to hospitals for Smith's support in previous years. In 1859, George W. Lawton sued the town for \$10,000 damages, for injuries sustained by his wife in being thrown from a wagon over an embankment, 25 feet in height, Jan. 21, 1858. The suit was brought before a referee, who returned a verdict against the town in the sum of \$2,000 and costs, amounting in all to \$2,978.85. Sept. 15, 1869, as Francis A. Lyman, a pedlar of tinware, was driving along the mountain road from Amherst to Granby his horse fell down the bank by the roadside. He brought suit against the town and a jury rendered a verdict in his favor in the sum of \$4,000. The case was carried to the supreme court on exceptions, which were over-ruled, and the amount of the verdict and \$366.90 for expenses was paid by the town in 1872.

In 1872, Mrs. D. S. Cowles sued the town for damages for injuries sustained upon the highway. The case was not settled until 1874, when the town paid Mrs. Cowles, \$1,250, and expenses of the suit amounting to \$306.74. In 1885, Giles G. Pratt brought suit against the town for damages sustained by driving against a railing by the side of the highway at East Amherst. The suit was decided in his favor, the total expense to the town being \$426.48. During the same year, Olney P. Gaylord brought suit against E. A. King who, while engaged in the discharge of his duties as selectman, cut down trees in the highway limits at East Amherst, the land on which they stood fronting on Gaylord's premises and being claimed by him as his own. The town defended the suit, which was decided in its favor, the expense being a little more than \$400. Suits brought against the town in 1886, by Giles G. Pratt and Emory Squires, for damages sustained upon the highways, were decided in the town's favor. In 1891, J. H. Sweetser and the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity brought suit against the town for damages to property caused by the extension of Lessey street. The town settled with Mr. Sweetser, paying him \$1,125; the suit brought by the fraternity was decided in favor of the town.

#### AMUSEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS.

The earlier inhabitants of Amherst found little time to devote to recreation and amusement. Life to them was a serious matter and time too precious to be wasted. They celebrated the two great holidays of the



year, Thanksgiving-day and July 4th, and made a half-way holiday of "general muster" day in May. Neighborhood and society picnics were indulged in on rare occasions. In winter the singing-school and lyceum afforded recreation of a certain sort, and quilting-bees, husking-bees and apple-parings broke the monotony of every-day existence. The traveling circus and menagerie, though frowned upon by the older element in the community, found a generous patronage among the young. Theatricals were regarded as devices of the evil one, not to be tolerated in any law-abiding community. As evidence of this sentiment, note the following extract from the *New England Inquirer*, under date of Sept. 11, 1828:

"We learn from the *Hampshire Gazette* that a strolling company of players has been performing at Northampton. We are really surprised that the selectmen of the shire town should have given license to what every moral man is bound to regard as an outrageous nuisance."

In 1845, the selectmen licensed a circus to give a performance in Amherst Saturday afternoon; the proprietors were very anxious to give an evening performance as well, but public sentiment upon the subject was highly wrought up and the selectmen refused permission, on account of the following day being the Sabbath. Van Amburgh exhibited his trained animals in Amherst in 1846. Amherst people were also permitted, for a consideration, to gaze upon that petrified humbug, the "Cardiff giant." Mrs. Scott Siddons gave readings here while at the height of her popularity. There was a great demand for tickets and the hall was crowded. For many years after the organization of Amherst College the annual commencement-day was recognized as a general holiday by the town. Cattle-show day was honored in similar fashion for many years. July 4, 1847, the operatives of the Amherst Manufacturing company held a grand celebration at "Factory Village." About 160 persons sat down to dinner which was provided by the ladies living in the vicinity. The votes passed by the town during the period of the Revolutionary war were read and patriotic addresses were delivered by Samuel C. Carter, Rev. George Cooke and I. F. Conkey, Esq. Many toasts were proposed and responded to. Oct. 12, 1847, members of the Cataract and Deluge Engine companies and their invited guests held a grand banquet at the Amherst house. July 4, 1860, a large party went from Amherst to Westfield to witness a game of base-ball played by Amherst and Williams College students. Thirteen men played on each side for 31 innings, the final score being 70-41 in Amherst's favor. At the same time and place, Williams won from Amherst at chess.

Amherst, as a town, has held but one public celebration. At a meeting of citizens held at the police court-room June 12, 1876, it was voted to celebrate in a fitting manner, on July 4th, the one hundredth





anniversary of the town's organization. At a meeting held June 14, it was voted that Levi Stockbridge serve as chairman of the day, with J. L. Skinner as chief-marshal and Henry M. McCloud secretary and treasurer. Nine committees were appointed to have charge of special features of the occasion. It was also voted to invite M. F. Dickinson, Jr., of Boston, to deliver the historical address. At a special town-meeting held June 22, it was voted to appropriate \$250 to defray the expenses of the celebration, also \$100 for the publication of the town history. The appointed day was ushered in by the firing of a salute of 38 guns at sunrise and the ringing of church-bells. An enjoyable feature of the occasion, although not on the regular program, was a procession of "antiques and horrors," at 6 A. M. The regular procession for the day formed on the village common at 9-30 A. M. It was headed by the Amherst Cornet band, which was followed by scholars of all the Sunday-schools in town, citizens on foot and a long line of carriages. The procession marched to the College grove, formerly known as Baker's grove, where the exercises of the day were held. The program included music by the Amherst Cornet band, prayer by Rev. D. W. Marsh, an address by Levi Stockbridge, an historical address by M. F. Dickinson, Jr., and reading of the Declaration of Independence by Rev. Henry F. Allen. In the evening there was a fine display of fireworks.

#### WEATHER PHENOMENA.

As early as 1835, Prof. E. S. Snell began the collection of meteorological statistics in connection with his duties at Amherst College. This work has been continued since the death of Professor Snell by his daughters, the Misses Mary L. and Sabra C. Snell. The results of these observations are recorded in the "Meteorological Journal of Amherst College." Since the establishment of the Hatch Experiment Station on the grounds of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, very complete and accurate records have been compiled by the meteorological department of the station. These records are of interest and value, and it is to be regretted that they do not extend back to an earlier period in the town's history. Residents of Amherst have witnessed many interesting weather phenomena. Few if any now living can remember the famous "dark days" of 1816 and 1819, but many bear in recollection stories told concerning them by parents and grandparents.

Situated upon a broad plateau, Amherst has been remarkably free from those periodical inundations that visit the lowlands of the Connecticut Valley, yet the town has suffered not a little from storm and flood. In the early part of September, 1828, there was a very heavy freshet in the Valley, the Connecticut river rising higher than before in twenty years. Rain began falling Monday evening and continued without cessation until



Friday noon. The damage to roads and bridges in Amherst was estimated at over \$2,000. Aug. 11, 1863, the hardest thunder-shower known for many years passed over the town. The rain fell in torrents filling the streams to overflowing. The greatest destruction caused in Amherst was at "Factory Hollow." There were, at that point, two dams upon the Mill river. Crossing the stream directly above the lower dam was a foot-bridge. After the storm had subsided, three women and a man stood upon this bridge, watching the angry waters. Three of them resided at North Amherst, Mrs. Mary Wheelock, her daughter Miss Wealthy, and Charles Turner; the fourth was Mrs. Rachel Barrett, who resided in Connecticut, but was visiting friends in Amherst at the time. Suddenly and without warning the upper dam gave way, and the descending flood carried away the bridge. The three women were drowned but Mr. Turner was rescued. The waters wrecked the bleach-house of L. M. Hills, containing a large amount of valuable property, and other buildings in the near vicinity were badly damaged.

Oct. 3 and 4, 1869, Amherst was visited by another disastrous freshet. The rain fell continuously for 36 hours, the total precipitation amounting to six inches, as recorded by Professor Snell, the heaviest he had ever known. Fort river rose rapidly and covered much of the lowlands at East Amherst. Porter Dickinson's machine-shop was flooded and a new channel cut through the bank above the entrance to the canal. The dams at the head of canals leading to the mills of E. B. Fitts were carried away, while the canal leading to Kellogg's tool-shop was washed away in many places. The brick-yard of Roswell Howard was flooded to a depth of several feet. Considerable damage was done at North Amherst. John R. Cushman's loss was nearly \$10,000. The right wing of the dam leading to his leather-mill was torn away and the mill badly damaged. The dams at Cushman's upper paper-mill and the Roberts mill were carried away. Considerable damage was done along the line of the railroad. No trains passed over the tracks at Amherst from Monday morning until Thursday noon. The damage to roads and bridges in the town was estimated at over \$3,100.

June 14, 1877, two storm-clouds came together above the town of Northampton, the result being a tornado which caused great damage within a limited area. The old covered bridge crossing the Connecticut river between Northampton and Hadley was torn from its piers and completely wrecked. Eleven people and six teams went down with the bridge, one woman being fatally crushed by the falling timbers. Three residents of Amherst were upon the bridge at the time, W. W. Smith, L. A. Williams and J. C. Haskins. Mr. Haskins felt the bridge giving way and ran his horse at full speed: this probably saved his life as the falling timbers struck



the rear wheels of his wagon. Mr. Smith went down with his team, but escaped serious injury. July 16, 1879, a disastrous tornado swept across the state from west to east. The towns in the Connecticut Valley suffered severely. The weather for many days had been intensely hot and atmospheric conditions were similar to those which cause cyclones in the West. The storm was at its worst in Northampton, where many of the largest of its famous elm-trees were uprooted. In Amherst, also, the storm was severe. A heavy fall of hail destroyed crops and broke many hundred panes of glass. The Durfee Plant-house on the Agricultural College grounds was wrecked. Lightning struck many buildings, including the almshouse at South Amherst. As witnessed from Amherst, the storm presented a most imposing and awesome appearance.

Sept. 6, 1881, is known in New England annals as the "yellow day." During the early hours of the morning an intense darkness prevailed, lightening at sunrise. About 9 A. M. darkness began to settle down over the earth, the sun being completely veiled from sight. The air was thick, a sickly yellow vapor seeming to rise from the ground, and giving out a very pungent odor. Gas was lighted in the stores at an early hour in the forenoon, the scholars in the public schools were dismissed and fowls sought their roost as in the "dark days" earlier in the century. The darkness continued to increase until noon, but about 2 P. M. the sun began to show a little through the clouds and by sunset the air was fairly clear. A curious coincidence in connection with this phenomenon was the fact that the following day, Sept. 7, had been fixed upon by a certain sect as the date when the world should end, and some, even of the skeptical, were not a little alarmed at the "yellow day," which might well have ushered in some extraordinary event. The cause of this phenomenon has never been fully ascertained, but is generally supposed to have resulted from great forest fires in Canada.

New England's great and only blizzard began on March 11, 1888 and continued through two nights and one day. In Amherst, snow began to fall lightly on Sunday evening, continuing through the night and Monday morning with increasing vigor. By Monday noon the wind was blowing a gale and the air was filled with sharp ice-crystals that cut into the flesh of those who were exposed to the fury of the storm. As night drew on the storm increased in violence and nearly every road in town was rendered impassible for teams. The mingled snow and ice was piled by the wind in drifts reaching in many cases to the second-story windows of dwelling-houses. During the night, while the storm yet raged, an alarm of fire was given and in less than an hour Palmer's block and the "Cooper house" were in ashes. Snow was banked about the engine-house so that it was impossible to open the doors, but the hose was dragged out through the



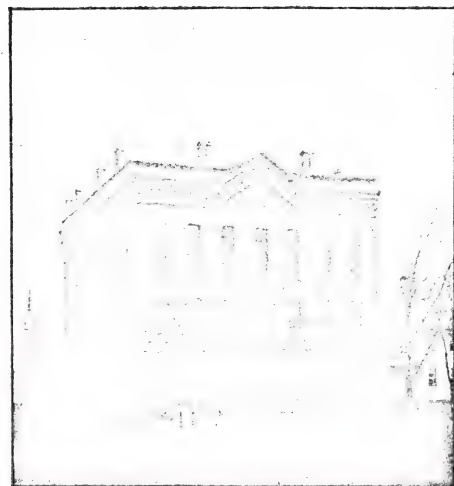




AMHERST HOUSE.



WARNER HOUSE.



PALMER'S BLOCK.



MAPLE AVENUE, BEFORE 1868.



windows and an attempt made to stay the flames, but this was impossible. The storm continued through the night and, the following morning, residents of Amherst "looked upon a world unknown." The whole outline of the landscape had been changed in a day and night. Teams were at once set at work breaking out the highways but full communication was not established between the center village and the outlying districts until late on Wednesday afternoon. Some drifts at East Amherst measured over twenty feet in depth. Travel on both railway lines passing through Amherst was suspended from Monday noon until Wednesday night. A passenger train on the New London Northern road was stalled near the Amherst depot, while on the Massachusetts Central road an engine was wrecked while trying to force its way through the snowdrifts in the "cut" to the west of the station. No mails and no daily papers were received in Amherst for two days. Telegraph wires were down, and news of the fire in Palmer's block reached the New York papers by way of long-distance telephone from Northampton to Boston, and then by cable via London, England, to New York. Milkmen were unable to cover their routes, and the supply of fresh meat in town was nearly exhausted ere the blockade was broken. The expense of opening the highways for travel was more than \$1,000. Many persons attempting to reach their homes from their places of business Monday evening, had narrow escapes from death by exposure or exhaustion. There were no fatal accidents caused in the town by the blizzard, but many persons were rendered ill by exposure.

Sept. 11, 1895, a tornado passed over the town. Lasting but half an hour, it did great damage to property in a limited area. At the height of the storm the wind-gauge at the Hatch Experiment station indicated a velocity of 92 miles an hour. Rain fell in torrents, and was succeeded by a fall of hail the like of which had never before been noted in this latitude. Trees were blown down, chimneys demolished, houses unroofed and thousands of panes of glass broken. Telegraph and telephone wires were broken and tangled. The fruit crop was badly damaged. In less than a half-hour after the storm began the sun was shining brightly.



## CHAPTER LIII.

THE OLD CANNON.—SLAVERY AND THE ABOLITION MOVEMENT.—AUTHORS.  
—SCIENTISTS.—NATURAL FEATURES.—LOCALITY NAMES.—PUBLIC  
CONVENIENCES.—SOCIETIES.

The struggle in regard to the opening of Triangle street was but an incident in the contest, long continued, for supremacy between the settlements at the East and West streets. Another feature of this contest, and a most interesting one, is found in the efforts made by the younger element in either community to secure and retain possession of the "old cannon." After the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne, the American army was well supplied with new and improved brass and bronze field-pieces captured from the enemy. Some of the old iron cannon, which had previously been in use by the American troops, were presented by the government to officers who had served with distinction in the campaign. Among the officers thus honored was Lieut. Ebenezer Mattoon, who was given charge of two iron field-pieces, six-pounders, with carriages and all appurtenances. The guns were forwarded to Hatfield, whence they were brought to Amherst by Oliver Clapp and Joseph Blair. One of these guns was loaned to go to New Salem, where it stood for some years on the common, being used in firing salutes on July 4th and other public occasions. It was stolen by boys and hidden for several years, but was found in the early '60s and restored to its place on the common. Soon afterwards a foot or two of the muzzle was blown away owing to overloading. After this accident the gun disappeared in a mysterious manner for the second time and has never been recovered.

Not less eventful, and even more exciting, was the history of the gun that remained in Amherst. Lieutenant, afterwards General Mattoon, willingly loaned it for use in patriotic celebrations, and it was in general demand on July 4th and similar occasions. Gen. Mattoon lived at East Amherst, but this did not prevent the West street "boys" from frequently gaining possession of the gun. Time and again it was hidden away, in anticipation of future use, by one faction, only to be discovered and stolen by the other. It is related that one Fourth of July, when the gun chanced to be in possession of the West-street faction, the young men at East street organized themselves into a regular artillery company, and having procured a cannon from Belchertown marched with it to the West street at midnight on July 3d and fired a salute, hoping that the West-street faction would bring out their gun, when it was proposed to have a pitched battle for



supremacy. Fortunately, in the interests of peace, the challenge was not accepted.

The old gun was brought forth to do duty on the night when the news was received in Amherst that the General Court had granted a charter to Amherst College. After firing several rounds, the friends of the college adjourned to the Amherst house, where they indulged in a general celebration. The next day it was noticed that one of the celebrators had an eye in mourning, and on being questioned as to how he had received the injury replied that he had "run agin the charter." With the establishment of the college, a new factor entered into the struggle for the possession of the gun; the students espoused the cause of the faction at West street and also found the gun of great assistance in college celebrations. General Mattoon, then well advanced in years, became heartily sick of the controversy. After a particularly sharp contest between the East street and West street factions, the gun mysteriously disappeared, in the summer of 1831. An extended search was made for it at the time, and was renewed at intervals for many years thereafter, but without avail. Many stories were told in regard to its disappearance and its probable hiding-place. Some said that the young men at East street had carried it away and placed it beyond the reach of their West street antagonists; others, that the latter had hidden it away and would produce it at some fitting time; others still, that the students were responsible for its disappearance. It was said it had been placed in an old well, that it had been sunk in Fort river, that it had been buried in any one of a score of places. As time passed on, and the antagonism between the East and the West villages died away, the old gun and its stirring history passed into the realms of tradition. In 1893, Dr. D. B. N. Fish, who had made a study of the history of the gun, made a determined effort to discover its hiding-place. He communicated with most of the living members of the classes who were in Amherst College at the time of the gun's disappearance, and with many former residents of the town who might be supposed to know something in regard to it. He succeeded in collecting considerable information in regard to the gun, but was unable to discover where it was buried. In the spring of 1896, parties in Amherst were notified that a letter was in existence which would reveal the resting-place of the old gun. Negotiations were entered into with the parties having this letter in their possession, with the result that it is here presented, with a few unimportant omissions, giving for the first time in print a complete and probably accurate account of the burial of the gun. The letter was written in 1858 by Robert Wilson, a member of the class of '32 at Amherst College, to his fellow classmate, Zebina C. Montague of Amherst.





KEENE, MAY 30TH, 1858.

DEAR BINA:

Your *short and sweet* epistle came yesterday and brought to mind your request conveyed in the former letter. I confess to a neglect in replying sooner, but time passed and I kept on delaying and so on, just as lazy, or busy men will do the world over. Well to begin at the beginning—Kaigar rode the gun on the evening of July 4th, 1830, and you "*fellers*" were full of your exploits concerning your prowess in Oct. of that year when one Bob Wilson first came to Amherst to dabble his confounded fingers in the mess also, and cause the faculty sleepless nights not a few. I "*arriv*" in season to take part in the *scrimmage*, we the Juniors had with the Sophs. who presumed to leave the chapel before our high mightiness etc. etc. When Old Prex called upon Hitchings to "*desist*" while handling John Burnham at the head of the stairs. During the last of June A. D. 1831, One Caleb Lyman proposed to renew the previous year's celebration and as it was considered rather unsafe for the Students to meddle that year, Cale and Bill Cutler obtained the Gun of Genl. Mattoon, and the students subscribed the money for powder etc. Several of us assisted in the firing before daylight, *in disguise*, and we made preparations to give the faculty "*especial Hell*" on the evening of the fourth but desisted at the earnest entreaty of some of the citizens on account of a young lady who was sick. But Cale and Cutler had *especial charge* to keep the gun hot as long as the powder lasted, and if Kaigar saw fit to ride it again, to put in an *extra charge*, in order to make his *seat* as *easy* as *possible*. Well July 1831 passed pretty quietly upon the whole. In the early part of June 1832 the East Street boys, who had been somewhat disappointed the year previous in not obtaining the gun of the old Genl. began to plot about stealing it, and as something of a feud had grown out of the matter, I waited on the Genl. and stated what had been whispered abroad. He was willing we should have it, but did not quite wish to disoblige his neighbors. I finally enquired if he would feel *very angry* at us, if we "*stole the gun*" before the east street boys got hands on it? The idea seemed to please him much, as the gun would then go where he desired it, and save him scatheless. It was then in the east end of his barn floor, and over it about two or three tons of straw and litter. On or near the 15th of June.—Cale Lyman,—Cutler—myself and some of the boys, went to the barn, opened the East Doors from the inside, and drew the gun from under the straw, closed the doors and left everything "apparently as it was before. We took it to a barn near the Mount Pleasant Institute, disjoined, and hid the several parts in a Hay Mow. About the 1st of July the East Streeters visited the General's Barn one night and pitched off carefully all the straw to the last forkfull, and behold the Gun had *vamosed!* Genl. M. was well aware of all the proceedings, and was in perfect extasies at the fun of the thing.

There was quite a row among the horses while this was being done, and the servant girl came to the Genl. and complained about the noise, but he quieted her by saying there was nothing the matter etc. The secret of all that, is this. The Genl's Son (who lived at home then) sided with the East Streeters, and the Genl. with us; We got the Gun when the Son was away from home. And the Son left home purposely on the night that the East Streeters went for it, so as not to be privy to the stealing, or hinder them from it. The Genl. notified *Cale* when his son was to be absent, and was privy to our whole movements. He also knew that it was arranged between his son and the East Streeters for them to get possession of the gun. The next morning there was a general row in East Street, and no one



so mad as Mattoon's Son. The Genl. was perfectly calm and reconciled to the fate of the poor Gun, as nobody could eat, or pocket it! Thayer's carriage hands sent to Belchertown, got a Gun and came up to the corner near Pitkin's Store on morning of the 4th with their Gun and about sixty men armed with bludgeons lest they might be attacked, fired twice and retreated as fast as they could run to East Street again. This was about 15 minutes before 12 on the morning of the 4th while a detachment of our men had gone for our Gun. It soon came upon the ground, and played merrily until daylight. An attempt was made by an East Streeter to spike it during the day, but it was soon got in good condition again and did good service in the evening. During the day of the 4th, 1832, threats were made by the East Streeters that they would take the Gun that night and "*put it in where the College Boys should never see it again!*" Between 10 and 12 of that night the hole in Gilbert's cellar where he used to keep the *Ale Barrel* under the floor, was dug deeper and the Gun consigned to mother earth, with about five feet of good clean gravel a-top of it; We then supposed it had found a quiet resting place until the next 4th should require celebrating etc, but—alas—the instability of all sublunary things! In less than two weeks from that time, one of the Academy Students heard Cutler say to some crony of his, "that he knew where the "thing" was *pointing significantly with his finger downwards*. This conversation was reported to a certain person whose name came near the last on the catalogue of the Seniors for 1832 and the conclusion arrived at, was, that there ought to be a resurrection of the "76-er" before morning. Accordingly another member whose name began with A of that same class of Scape Goats, was called from his warm bed, and 76 was resurrected in about two hours. The fore wheels of one of Bissell's wagons were borrowed and the funeral procession consisting of the aforementioned two scape Goats and 76, started for East Street on the northern-most of those two roads, proceeded as far as Esq. Dickinson's then turned west on what is now the Main Street from Bina's to Dickinson's. Do you remember two large, old Willow Trees standing one on the south and the other on the north side of what is now the street between you and Dickinson's? The south one stood in the field, the north one then stood nearly in a line with the fence on the north side of the road.—The Gun finally was deposited about forty or fifty feet to the west of the northernmost Willow Tree, and about 10 feet south, I think a north and south line drawn about 45 feet west of where that Tree was, and an east and west one ten feet south of it (the tree) will at the intersection of the two lines nearly cover the Gun. It was not buried more than two and one-half feet deep as the ground was hard clay and daylight was fast approaching. When at Amherst, 5 years since I pointed out to Kellogg the Merchant, as near as possible the location. It might be easily found if desired either by trenching, or by probing the ground at regular distances with a sharp steel rod. I am surprised that it has not been uncovered already as the ground had been lowered somewhat from its former height when I saw it last. Genl. M. was privy to, and not averse to its being buried as it had been a source of annoyance to him for some years previously. I do not think he had an idea it would remain buried for a long period, but seemed pleased to have the annoyance removed for a time, and when talking the matter over, "*chuckled*" most heartily at the chagrin of his son and the "*East Streeters*" in losing it.

Truly your friend,

B. WILSON.

P. S. Bill Adams and I did that job, and worked well too. I cut a pair of new Boots clean through the Soles in digging the *holes*.



## THE ABOLITION MOVEMENT.

Slaves were owned in Amherst as late as 1770. There was little active opposition to the institution of slavery in this section until after 1830, although few persons were held in bondage in Western Massachusetts after the beginning of the Nineteenth Century. As early as 1833, an anti-slavery society was organized among the students of Amherst College; it met with strong opposition from many of the students and from members of the faculty, who believed that it interfered with the usefulness of the institution; it was given up by command of the faculty, but was revived in 1836, with the faculty's consent and approbation. In 1838, the First parish dismissed an article contained in the warrant for a parish meeting, in relation to granting the use of the meeting-house for lectures on the subject of slavery. The "Amherst Anti-Slavery Society" was organized sometime in the later '30s. Its constitution is still in existence, the preamble reading as follows:

"The Census of the United States presents us with the fact that one-sixth part of this nation are held in bondage by their fellow citizens. We believe that Slavery in its laws and usages is a violation of the law of God and of the fundamental principles of our national government. We believe that a public sentiment may be created throughout the country which shall be so averse to Slavery as to effect its speedy Abolition, and thus restore the Slave to his rights, appease the anger of the Righteous and Supreme Judge of all men and prevent a general convulsion. And we believe that it is our duty to do all that we can lawfully in such an enterprise. We do therefore agree to form ourselves into a Society under the following Constitution."

The expressed object of the society was:

"To collect and diffuse information on the subject of Slavery, to convince our fellow citizens of its impolicy, injustice and criminality, and consequently the expediency, safety and duty of abolishing it; to use all lawful, moral, and religious measures to effect its total and immediate abolition throughout the United States; to improve the condition of people of color, remove the prejudice of public opinion against them and advance their intellectual, moral and religious improvement."

Any person might become a member of the society by signing the constitution. The signatures of 245 persons were attached to this document, the first in the list being that of Rev. W. W. Hunt. Among these names was that of Frederic D. Huntington, at that time a student in Amherst College, and those of many other students in the classes of '37, '38 and '39.

July 19, 1837, a meeting was held in the hall of the school-house at South Amherst for the purpose of forming an anti-slavery society. A constitution was adopted, the preamble reading as follows:

"Whereas the Most High God hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the Earth, and hath commanded them to love their neighbors





as themselves, and whereas our national existence is based upon the principle that all mankind are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and whereas Slavery is contrary to the principles of natural justice and of the Christian Religion, and we believe it the duty and interest of the Masters immediately to emancipate the Slaves, and whereas we believe we owe it to the oppressed, to our fellow citizens who hold slaves, to our country, to posterity and to God to do all that is lawfully in our power to bring about the extinction of Slavery, we do hereby agree with a prayerful reliance on Divine aid to form ourselves into a society to be governed by the following Constitution."

The name adopted was the "Anti-Slavery Society of the South Parish in Amherst." Its object was "the entire abolition of slavery in the United States," which it was proposed to promote by circulating information in regard to slavery and by other suitable means. Any person might become a member by signing the constitution. There were 57 signatures to the document. Officers were elected as follows: President, Timothy Smith; secretary and treasurer, Thomas Read; executive committee, Erastus S. Bridgman, Joseph Dana and Jacob Stetson, Jr. At a meeting of the society held Oct. 29, 1839, the following resolutions were adopted:

"That we believe the most efficient measures which we can use for bringing the public mind in this place to a correct view of Slavery will be the circulation of anti-slavery publications. That it is our duty as Abolitionists to exert our influence to secure the election of representatives to Congress who will on all occasions raise their voices in the defence of the right of petition, and use their utmost endeavors for the abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia and also in the territories of the United States."

Feb. 17, 1840, the society voted to become auxiliary to the Hampshire County Abolition society. Feb. 19, 1840, the executive committee was instructed to select and purchase books for an anti-slavery library. The last entry in the society records bears date Jan. 11, 1842.

The "North Amherst Abolition Society," auxiliary to the Hampshire County Anti-Slavery society, was organized at North Amherst, Sept. 30, 1839, with 110 members. Its officers were: President, Ferdinand Robinson; vice-president, Ephraim Roberts, Jr.; corresponding secretary, Charles Roberts; recording secretary, Ransom Cowles; treasurer, Samuel Robbins. How long these society organizations were continued, and whether they exerted any great influence upon public sentiment cannot be stated with certainty, but the anti-slavery agitation was carried on in Amherst as in other New England communities up to the time when the arguments of writing and oratory gave place to the more convincing, if not more logical arguments of musket and sabre. June 10, 1848, Rev. Joshua Leavitt delivered a lecture in Sweetser's hall on "Slavery, and the position that the people of the North sustain to that institution." During the presidential campaign



of 1848, the "Free Soil" movement, though opposed by the *Express* on the ground that it weakened the Whig party, had many and warm friends in Amherst. Sept. 1, 1848, a meeting of the "Free Soil" advocates was held at the Amherst house to choose delegates to the state convention at Boston. At the same time and place a meeting of the "Liberty Men" was held. Many members of the college faculty, as well as pastors of the local churches, were ardent advocates of the abolition movement.

#### AUTHORS AND SCIENTISTS.

Amherst has given birth to no great artist, musician, inventor or scientist. The few great names in her history are those of lawyers, physicians, ministers of the Gospel, educators, men of affairs. The literature of America and of the world has been enriched by many contributions from Amherst writers, but few of these authors have attained great eminence in the literary world. The presidents of Amherst College have devoted much of their time and effort to literary work, from which the public has benefited greatly. President Humphrey had several volumes printed, of which the one having the largest circulation was that which described his "Tour in France, Great Britain and Belgium." President Hitchcock was a voluminous writer, his printed works comprising 24 bound volumes, 35 pamphlets, 94 papers in periodicals and 80 newspaper articles. His best known works were "Reminiscences of Amherst College," "Religion of Geology," "Elementary Geology" and "Phenomena of the Seasons." President Seelye revised and edited Hickok's "Mental Science" and "Moral Science," was author of "The Way, the Truth and the Life," "Citizenship" and other volumes. Many valuable text-books in science and literature have been written by professors at the college and have been adopted for use in educational institutions throughout the country. Professor W. S. Tyler wrote and published his very interesting and valuable "History of Amherst College," while engaged in his duties as a member of the college faculty. Noah Webster was a resident of Amherst while engaged in the compilation of his famous dictionary, which has well been ranked with the Bible and with Shakespeare's works as one of the three most valuable publications in the English language.

The most noted writer of fiction that Amherst can claim by right of birth was undoubtedly Helen M. Fiske, better known to the world of literature as "H. H." The daughter of Prof. Nathan W. Fiske of Amherst College, she was born at Amherst, Oct. 18, 1831. She was educated at Ipswich female seminary and at the private school of Rev. J. S. C. Abbott in New York City. At the age of 21 she was married to Edward B. Hunt, a captain in the United States army, by whom she had two children, one of whom died in infancy, the other while but a child.



Eleven years after their marriage her husband was killed by the explosion of a sub-marine battery at Fortress Monroe. Helen Hunt began her literary career in 1866, as a contributor of short poems to the columns of the *Nation* and the *Independent*. In 1870, she printed at her own expense a volume of poems entitled "Verses by H. H." This won at once a generous recognition in the literary world, and thereafter her writings were in great demand by publishers. She was the author of two volumes published by Roberts Bros. in their "No Name" series, in 1876 and 1877, "Mercy Philbrick's Choice" and "Hetty's Strange History;" these added greatly to her reputation. It is generally believed, although she would never admit it, that she was the author of the "Saxe Holm" stories, printed in *Scribner's Monthly* in 1873 and 1878. In 1875, she removed to Colorado, where she was married the same year to William S. Jackson. In her Western home she first became impressed with the injustice which had been shown by the United States government in dealing with the Indian tribes. The result of these impressions is shown in "A Century of Dishonor," published in 1881, and in "Ramona," her latest and by many esteemed her greatest work which was published in 1884. She died in Colorado, Aug. 12, 1885. By common consent she is accorded a very high rank among the female authors of America.

Eugene Field, the well-known author, was born in St. Louis, Mo., but came to Amherst at an early age and remained here several years, attending at one time the Misses Howland's and Rev. R. B. Hubbard's schools. He ever retained an interest in the town in which he spent his boyhood days. Emily Dickinson, daughter of Hon. Edward Dickinson, was born in Amherst and was educated at Mt. Holyoke seminary. She did not write for publication, but after her death three volumes, two of letters and the other of poems from her pen, were edited by Mrs. Mabel Loomis Todd and published, commanding a large sale. They gave evidence of uncommon literary talent and were warmly welcomed by the public. Emeline Walker, grand-daughter of Peter Ingram, gained literary distinction under the name of "Lisle Lester."

Of the scientists who have made their home in Amherst perhaps the most noted was Edward Hitchcock. He was appointed state geologist of Massachusetts in 1830, and geologist of the First District of New York in 1836. He made the first geological survey of this section of the Connecticut Valley, beginning the work while pastor of a church in Conway. It was largely through his influence that the geological survey of the state was undertaken. In 1857, he was called on to complete the geological survey of Vermont. He was the discoverer of the famous "bird tracks" in the Connecticut Valley, and his collection of these fossil footprints, the finest in the world, is now on exhibition in the museum of Amherst Col-



lege. Charles U. Shepard, the noted mineralogist, was at one time a member of the Amherst College faculty, and the college was fortunate enough to secure his very extensive and valuable collection of minerals for its cabinets. Edward Tuckerman became connected with the college in 1854, and in 1858 was appointed professor of botany, a position which he held until his death in 1886. Having made a special study of lichens he became known as the best American authority upon this subject and was elected a member of several of the most noted American and foreign scientific societies. A pioneer in the study of the flora of the White Mountains, his name is borne by one of the most famous ravines in that region.

#### TOPOGRAPHY AND LOCALITY NAMES.

The scope of this work does not admit of any extended consideration of the topography of the town. President Hitchcock, in his "Reminiscences," has given in broad outline a map of the physical features of the landscape in and about Amherst. The town is situated on a broad plateau, sloping gradually on the west down to the Hadley meadows and with a sharper declination on the east to the lowlands at the foot of the Pelham hills. The division line with Granby and South Hadley to the south extends along the summit of the picturesque Holyoke mountain range. To the northwest the land slopes down to Sunderland meadows, and to the northeast rises to the "Flat hills" and the Leverett and Shutesbury division lines. Twin hills, christened by President Hitchcock "Castor" and "Pollux," are located in the south part of the town, while to the north are Mt. Pleasant and the companion eminence from which arises the marble shafts of Wildwood cemetery. A little to the south and west of the center is the slightly highland of Mt. Doma. Near to the northwest boundary line is the "Great swamp" often referred to in old Hadley records, and near the railway at South Amherst the "Lawrence swamp." Nearly all the territory comprised in the township was formerly covered by a heavy forest growth, but little of which is now standing. Two rivers pass through the town, each having its source in Shutesbury. One, known as Mill river, takes a westerly course through the north part of the town and passing through North Hadley empties into the Connecticut river. The other, known as "Fort" or "Freshman" river, takes a southerly course through the town and empties into the Connecticut at Hockanum.

The most noted landmark in the early period of the town's history was the "Hartling stake," which stood near the junction of Main and West streets, or near the northeast corner of the Amherst house. The origin of the name is unknown. Many locality names have been applied to certain sections in the town, some of which have fallen into disuse while others are yet retained. The northeast section is still known





as the "Flat Hills," as it was in 1738. "Broad Gutter," as a local name in the northern part of the town, has been forgotten. The common at South Amherst was known for many years as "Fiddler's Green," but neither memory nor tradition gives significance to the term. When in the early years of this century the East and West villages were contending for supremacy the local name for the East street was "Sodom" while the West street rejoiced in the name of "Mt. Zion." The section now known as "Mill Valley" was formerly called "Clark's Mills" and at a later date "Mill Hollow." The name of "Factory Hollow" at North Amherst is self explanatory and is of early origin. The Nutting family living in the southeast part of the town gave to that section the name of "Nuttingville." "Hawley Swamp" in the eastern part of the town derives its name from the Hawley family. Kellogg's tool-factory gave the name of "Kelloggville" to the thriving settlement about it. The woodland near the Hadley line has long been known as the "West woods." "Pine Hill" is on the Bay road near Hadley line. "Yale Hollow" and "Bartlett's Hollow" are well known to those who have hunted squirrels on the south mountain. The "Devil's Garden" on the mountain road to South Hadley must be seen if the significance of the term would be fully appreciated. "Irish Hill," the "Patch," the "Curry" and "Blackbird's Island" are terms that have a local significance.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE.

In matters pertaining to the public convenience Amherst has fared full as well as other communities of relative size and importance. Telegraph communication with the outside world was established in 1861, the first message from Amherst being sent Dec. 9 of that year. The town has now the service of two companies, the Western Union and the Postal. In the fall of 1895; a local telephone exchange was established in Amherst, with some forty subscribers. As early as the days of stage-coaching the town was supplied with an express service; the character of this service was changed when the first railway line was completed through the town, but has been continued, by different companies, up to the present time. A passenger transfer service between the depots and the Amherst house has been in operation for many years. The first public laundry was established in Amherst in the '70s by G. W. Arms.

#### SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS.

Amherst has had an abundant quota of society organizations, many of which have already been considered in this volume under special chapter headings. Two physicians, resident in Amherst, Drs. Isaac G. Cutler and Rufus Cowles, took a prominent part in the organization of the Hampshire



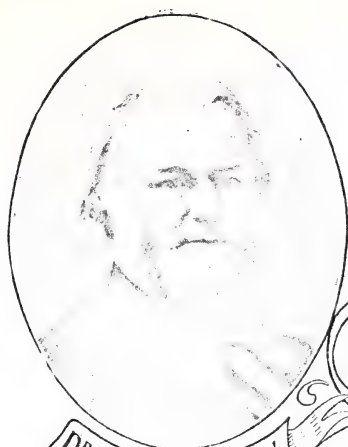
District Medical society in 1833. Other Amherst physicians have been admitted to this organization as follows: In 1840, Gardner Dorrance; 1841, S. E. Strong; 1843, Seth Fish, then of North Hadley, and Israel H. Taylor, then of Pelham; 1852, Benjamin F. Smith; 1861, Lorin H. Pease; 1866, D. B. N. Fish and O. F. Bigelow; 1867, John Dole and Edward R. Lewis; 1874, William Dwight; 1878, Charles W. Cooper; 1884, H. H. Seelye; 1891, H. B. Perry; 1895, J. Stowell, Jr.; 1896, G. W. Rawson and C. F. Branch. The following Amherst physicians have been fellows of the Massachusetts Medical society: Robert Cutler, Isaac G. Cutler, Rufus Cowles, Seth Fish, Benjamin F. Smith, Edward Hitchcock, Edward Hitchcock, Jr., D. B. N. Fish.

The Knox Branch of the Washington Benevolent society was in existence in Amherst in 1815 and 1816. Ithamar Conkey, Lucius Boltwood and Austin Dickinson served as secretaries of the society in these years. Meetings were held at Boltwood's tavern. This society, while professedly instituted for benevolent objects, was in reality a secret political organization, designed to further the interests of the Federal party. There were county organizations to which the branches in the towns were auxiliary. The organization was a popular one in the New England states.

Pacific Lodge F. and A. M. was chartered June 8, 1801, by the grand lodge of Massachusetts. The petition for a charter was signed by Phineas Hubbard, Roswell Field, Edward Ruggles, Samuel Church, Joseph Willard, Caleb Hubbard, Friend Smith, Rufus Field, David Stockbridge, Cornelius Wells, John Prentiss, William Mather and Elijah Allis. Some of these parties resided in Amherst, others in Leverett, Hadley and Sunderland. The charter gave the lodge permission to hold its meetings in Sunderland, and the first place of meeting was at the hotel of Major Caleb Hubbard at the "Plum Trees." The first officers installed were: W. M., Phineas Hubbard; S. W., Roswell Field; J. W., Samuel Church, Jr.; treasurer, Caleb Hubbard; secretary, David D. Gray; S. D., Rufus Field; J. D., Beal Crocker; S. S., Joseph Watson; J. S., Friend Smith; tyler, Ezra Winslow. Dec. 13, 1802, leave was granted for the lodge to remove from Sunderland to Amherst; the first meeting-place in Amherst was at the house of Calvin Merrill. Although chartered in 1801, and working regularly from that time, the lodge was not regularly constituted until 1804; Sept. 5 of that year, its officers were installed in public by Solomon Vose, D. D. G. M. Upon the return made to the grand lodge in 1805 is this endorsement:

"The Lodge meets at Bro. Calvin Merrill's hall. Fifty members: 3 Physicians, 2 Gentlemen of Public Education, 2 Merchants, 4 Inn Keepers, 3 Majors, 4 Captains, 2 Lieutenants, 2 Selectmen, 2 Joiners, 2 Hatters, 2 Saddlers, 1 Goldsmith, 2 Shoemakers, 1 Clothier, 1 Cooper, 1 Papermaker, 20 Farmers, 1 Coroner."





DR. RUFUS BELDEN.



DR. B. F. SMITH.



DR. TIMOTHY J. GRIDLEY.



DR. D. B. N. FISH.



DR. SETH FISH.





June 8, 1807, leave was granted for the lodge to remove from Amherst to Leverett, where meetings were held at Lucius Field's hotel; the lodge remained in Leverett but three months, returning to Amherst in the fall of 1807. On its return, meetings were first held at Baggs' tavern at East Amherst, then at Rufus Kellogg's tavern at the "City," and, later, at Boltwood's tavern at the center village. The lodge prospered until 1827, when, like nearly all lodges in Massachusetts, it succumbed to the Morgan excitement and suspended work, its charter being returned to the grand lodge.

In 1860, a few Masons desirous of reopening the lodge applied to the grand lodge for a dispensation, two of their number, Dr. Seth Fish and Riley Jilson, had been members of the original lodge. The dispensation being granted, the lodge was opened. Some of the furniture of the old lodge, that had been carefully stored away by Elijah Boltwood, was found by Calvin Merrill, secretary of the organization when the charter was surrendered in 1827, and by him presented to the new lodge. These relics were repaired and placed in the new hall, where they were used in the work for which they were originally designed. The lodge having worked for one year under a dispensation, the grand lodge was pleased to grant them the old charter, and Sept. 24, 1861, Pacific Lodge was again constituted, its hall dedicated and officers installed. Since that date the lodge has occupied quarters in the upper story of Phoenix Row, the lodge-rooms having been seriously damaged by fire on two occasions.

Among the earlier members of the lodge the following names are found: Major Melzar Hunt, Capt. Roswell Field, Dr. Samuel Gamwell, John Dickinson, William Delano, David Stockbridge, Zebina Dickinson, Ebenezer Mattoon, Jr., Calvin Merrill, Chester Dickinson, Dr. William F. Sellon, Dr. Silas Ball, Noah D. Mattoon, Rufus Dickinson, Capt. Roswell Dickinson, Capt. Eli Parker, Ithamar Conkey, Justus Williams, Rufus Kellogg, Cummings Fish, Elijah Boltwood.

Wells Lodge No. 140, I. O. O. F. was instituted at Amherst, March 27, 1851, continuing in existence until 1858, when its charter was surrendered. The officers elected and installed for the term beginning July 1, 1851, were: Noble Grand, Joseph Colton; Vice Grand, Josiah Ayres; secretary, Newton Fitch; treasurer, Samuel Harrington. At the meeting of the grand lodge held in Boston, Aug. 7, 1851, Ithamar F. Conkey was present as the representative of Wells Lodge.

Amherst Grange No. 16, Patrons of Husbandry, was organized Nov. 26, 1873, at Grand Army hall in Amherst. It was chartered by both the State Grange and the National Grange. The number of charter members was 20. The following officers were elected Jan. 1, 1874: Master, J. A. Baker; secretary, C. S. Smith; treasurer, G. S. Hawley; overseer, E. N.



Dickinson; lecturer, Levi Stockbridge; steward, E. B. Fitts, Jr.; chaplain, P. D. Spaulding; gate-keeper, W. S. Hawley; Ceres, Mrs. A. J. Spear; Pomona, Mrs. H. D. Dana; Flora, Mrs. C. S. Smith; stewardess, Miss Anna Stockbridge. After the burning of Grand Army hall in 1879, the Grange met at Harvey White's hall for two years, then at homes of the members until 1886, since which time the meetings have been held in Grange hall. The local Grange became connected with the Connecticut Valley District Grange about 1886, with the Hampshire County Pomona Grange in 1894. The present number of members is 126. For the first year after organization meetings were held weekly; they are now held on the first and third Friday evenings of each month.

The Amherst Club was organized at a meeting held in the district court-room, Jan. 13, 1891, when a constitution and by-laws were adopted. The club is a social organization, a majority of its membership being made up of young men engaged in business in the village. The club had 51 members on organization. The following officers were the first to serve: President, H. T. Cowles; vice-presidents, E. M. Spear and L. W. Cornish; secretary, C. F. Morehouse; treasurer, E. D. Marsh; executive committee, E. W. Smith, B. H. Williams, E. B. Dickinson, F. E. Paige, George Cutler, Jr.; finance committee, G. S. Kendrick, W. A. Hunt, W. G. Towne; membership committee, J. B. Paige, Edward Dickinson, E. W. Carpenter. Rooms were engaged in Williams' block and fitted up at an expense of some \$2,000. The club now occupies five rooms, handsomely furnished. It is a regularly chartered institution and its present membership is 74.

At a meeting of some 200 women held in the district court-room, Oct. 4, 1893, it was decided to organize a woman's club and a form of association was agreed upon. The organization was completed at a meeting held Oct. 11, when it was voted to call the new club the "Ramona." The officers elected were: President, Mrs. J. E. Tuttle; vice-presidents, Mrs. M. L. Todd, Mrs. S. T. Maynard; secretary, Mrs. E. C. Field; treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Hunt; auditor, Mrs. Levi Stockbridge. Each member joined one or more of the several committees into which the club is divided, each meeting of the club being in charge of some one committee. A short time after organization, it was voted to change the name from the "Ramona" to the "Amherst Woman's Club." Meetings were held for a time in the Baptist church vestry, but now in the district court-room the first and third Monday afternoons in each month. The present membership of the club is about 165.

At a meeting held Feb. 19, 1890, Eagle Lodge of the New England Order of Protection was organized in Amherst. The officers chosen were: Warden, Charles E. Wilson; past-warden, F. D. Cook; vice-warden, H. L. Ufford; secretary, Howard Merritt; treasurer, Quartus Leach; chap-



lain, H. L. Macomber; guide, J. E. Bement; financial secretary, M. A. Dickinson; trustees, F. D. Cook, J. F. Gilbert, Charles Parents. The organization has prospered from the beginning; its meetings are held in Grange hall the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

The Amherst Board of Trade was organized at a meeting held at the district court-room, Jan. 29, 1891. Fifty-nine persons signed the articles of association and a constitution and by-laws were adopted. The officers elected were: President, F. E. Whitman; vice-president, George Cutler, Jr.; secretary, C. F. Morehouse; treasurer, Henry Adams; auditor, H. T. Cowles; directors, C. S. Smith, John Mullen, E. D. Marsh, E. M. Spear, H. M. McCloud. In the spring of 1892, the Board had printed and distributed a large edition of a finely-illustrated pamphlet, calling attention to the many attractions of Amherst as a place either for summer resort or for permanent residence. An unsuccessful attempt was made to secure the establishment in the town of some new manufacturing enterprises. Since 1892, money has been spent by the organization in advertising the town's attractions in the newspapers, and, during the past year, in determining the numbers of houses in the free postal delivery district and in carrying on the work preliminary to the organization of the Amherst & Sunderland street railway company. The Board of Trade has, however, ceased to be an active factor in the town's affairs.

The Rod and Gun club was organized March 13, 1888, with 42 members. The officers first elected were: President, H. E. Wheeler; secretary and treasurer, Henry Adams; executive committee, John C. White, J. W. Howland, C. M. Osgood.

The Nonotuck Cycle club was organized May 16, 1895. Its officers first elected were: President, M. E. Hurley; vice-president, A. F. Mitten; secretary and treasurer, G. O. Pierce; executive committee, H. D. Holland, A. F. Mitten, G. O. Pierce, M. E. Hurley; captain, Edward Fisher. The club occupies neatly furnished rooms in Kellogg's block.

The Amherst Indian Association was organized Dec. 1, 1890.



## CHAPTER LIV.

AMHERST IN THE CIVIL WAR.—ACTION TAKEN BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT.—THE RAISING OF TROOPS.—REGIMENTS IN WHICH AMHERST MEN SERVED.—MASS MEETINGS AND FLAG-RAISINGS IN AMHERST.—RAISING MEN AND MONEY.—DEATH OF ADJUTANT STEARNS.—AMHERST MEN KILLED AND WOUNDED IN THE EARLY BATTLES OF THE WAR.

Every citizen of Amherst may take just pride in the part borne by the town in the war for the preservation of the Union. From that day of national sorrow when the first rebel gun was fired upon Fort Sumter until that greater day of national rejoicing which gave to the name Apomattox a proud place in history, the town of Amherst responded loyally, willingly, gladly to every demand upon its resources of men and money and supplies, to aid in crushing out the great rebellion. The descendants of men who had fought in the old French and Indian wars, and of others who had served under Putnam and Greene and Gates and Schuyler, shouldered their muskets and did valiant service in preserving the nation which their ancestors had founded. As between the war of the Revolution and the civil war there was this important point of difference: In the earlier contest, the patriots were assailed by enemies at home as well as in hostile armies; in the later, the loyalty and devotion of those who marched and bivouacked and fought in the Union armies was but the fruitage of a patriotism that pervaded the community; Amherst had no "Tories" in 1861 and the years that followed. In the succeeding pages an attempt is made to record the doings of those men who served for Amherst in the Union armies, and of the town they represented. To make this record complete and intelligible, it is necessary to refer in a general way to action taken by the state at various times during the war.

April 15, 1861, Gov. John A. Andrew received a telegram from Washington, calling upon Massachusetts to furnish 20 companies of men to serve for three months in the Union army. He at once ordered the commanders of the 3d, 4th, 6th and 8th regiments of state militia to muster their troops and report at Boston. These regiments were made up of companies located in towns and cities in the eastern part of the state; Western Massachusetts was not called upon to play a part in the opening act of the great war drama. The first troops to reach Boston in answer to this summons were three companies of the 8th regiment from Marblehead.





which arrived on the morning of the 16th. The same day came an order from the war department at Washington for Massachusetts to furnish four regiments of infantry, to serve three months. The first to leave the state was the 3d regiment, which embarked from Central Wharf in Boston on the 17th and sailed to Fortress Monroe. The same day the 4th regiment sailed from Boston, and was the first loyal regiment in the war to land on the soil of Virginia. The 6th and 8th regiments left Boston by rail, the first on the 17th, the second on the following day. The 6th was attacked by a mob in Baltimore and had to fight its way through the city, three of its men being killed, the first lives sacrificed in defence of the national capital. The 5th regiment, three-months troops, left Boston by rail April 21, arriving at Annapolis on the 24th and taking part in the first battle of Bull Run, July 21.

Early in May the authorities at Washington reached the conclusion that the rebellion could not be suppressed in three months, and decided to enlist no more men for short terms of service. The next call for troops specified that they should serve for three years or during the war. Under date of May 15, Simon Cameron, secretary of war, addressed a letter to Gov. Andrew, notifying him that Massachusetts' quota of three-years' troops would be six regiments of infantry. Acting under these instructions, the 1st, 2d, 7th, 9th 10th and 11th regiments were promptly recruited, mustered in and forwarded to the front. Four of these regiments contained men who served on Amherst's quota, the 2d, 9th, 10th and 11th. The 2d regiment, recruited at West Roxbury, left Boston July 8. The 9th regiment, composed of men of Irish birth and their immediate descendants, was recruited on Long Island in Boston Harbor and left Boston June 24. The 10th regiment was recruited at Springfield, the only regiment raised in Western Massachusetts under this call, and left Boston by boat, July 25. The 11th regiment was recruited at Fort Warren in Boston Harbor and left for Washington June 24.

June 17, a letter was addressed to Gov. Andrew, under direction of the war department, giving him authority to forward ten more regiments of three-years' men. In accordance with these instructions, eighteen regiments of infantry, numbered consecutively from 12 to 29 inclusive, together with one regiment of cavalry, were organized and forwarded to Washington in 1861 and the opening months of 1862. Of these regiments the following contained men who served on Amherst's quota: 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 27th, 28th and the 1st cavalry. The 14th regiment was recruited at Fort Warren and left Boston for Washington Aug. 7. It was afterwards changed to an artillery regiment, being known during the war as the 1st regiment Massachusetts heavy artillery. The 15th regiment was recruited in Worcester county and left for Washington Aug. 8. It bore a



prominent part in the battle of Ball's Bluff. The 18th regiment was recruited at Camp Readville, near Boston, and left for Washington Aug. 24. The 19th regiment was recruited in Essex county, leaving for Washington Aug. 28. The 20th regiment, recruited at Camp Readville, left for Washington Sept. 4 and took part in the battle of Ball's Bluff. The 21st regiment was recruited at Camp Lincoln in Worcester, being one of five regiments recruited for special service; it left the state Aug. 22. The 22d regiment, recruited at Lynnfield, left the state Oct. 8. The 27th regiment, composed of troops from the four western counties, was recruited at Springfield and left the state Nov. 2d. The 28th regiment was recruited at Cambridge and did not leave the state until January, 1862. Its officers and men were chiefly of Irish birth and descent. The 1st cavalry was recruited at Readville and left for Annapolis, in December, 1861. Of the upwards of 30,000 troops which Massachusetts gave to the Union armies in 1861, 85 were residents of Amherst or credited on her quota. Of these, one was enlisted in the 2d regiment, 11 in the 10th, 2 in the 15th, 1 in the 18th, 2 in the 20th, 14 in the 21st, 49 in the 27th, 1 in the 28th, 3 in the 31st and 1 in the 1st cavalry.

When, on April 17, 1861, news was received in Amherst that the rebels had fired upon Fort Sumter, the students of Amherst College were the leaders in a patriotic demonstration. A meeting was held at the college chapel in the afternoon, which was opened with prayer by President Stearns. The Declaration of Independence was read by Prof. William S. Clark and the congregation united in singing the hymn "America." At the close of the exercises the stars and stripes were raised above the chapel tower. April 22, a citizens' mass meeting was held at Agricultural hall, at which I. F. Conkey, Esq. presided. A committee of five, consisting of George Cutler, Austin Eastman, Henry F. Hills, Capt. Simeon Clark and Harlan Pomeroy was appointed to report business for the meeting. They prepared and presented the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, As the sense of this meeting, That it is the duty and privilege of the citizens of this Town in the present dangerous condition of our National affairs to make immediate suitable provisions for the organization and outfit of a Military Company for the protection of our Government.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense that a legal meeting of the town be immediately called to take action on this subject.

*Resolved*, That a committee be chosen to make immediate arrangements for the enlistment of a Company of Volunteers."

Having passed these resolutions by unanimous vote, the following were appointed members of a committee to arrange for securing volunteers: Dr. H. A. Howe, A. R. Cushman, John H. Haskins, E. B. Lovett, J. E. Merrick. The meeting was addressed by Rev. George Cooke and Hon.



Edward Dickinson. April 20, Porter Dickinson raised a flag above his machine-shop at East Amherst, in presence of some 75 people, and also fired a salute of 34 guns. April 22, a beautiful American flag was raised over L. M. Hills & Son's hood-shop, in presence of fully 1,000 spectators. The Declaration of Independence was read by Hon. I. F. Conkey and prayer was offered by President Stearns and Prof. W. S. Tyler. The exercises were followed by a parade of the young women employed in the shop, carrying small flags, through the village streets. April 22, Prof. W. S. Clark went to Boston, to see what arrangements could be made to equip a company of volunteers if one should be raised at the college. April 23, there was a flag-raising at Cooke's female school, the flag having been made by the pupils. College students were present and took part in the exercises, which included singing and the firing of a salute. The committee appointed to raise a volunteer company met April 23 and chose H. A. Howe chairman. Posters calling for volunteers were printed and freely distributed. The committee made its headquarters at the Amherst house. Fourteen persons enlisted the first day.

A special town-meeting was held May 1, at which the selectmen were authorized to borrow \$5,000 for military purposes, as recorded on page 247 of the Town Meeting Records printed in this volume. April 27, there was a flag-raising at North Amherst, a handsome banner being raised on a new staff 100 feet in height, in presence of a large and enthusiastic gathering. The buildings in the village were handsomely decorated in honor of the occasion, and patriotic addresses were delivered by Hon. Charles Delano, Rev. D. H. Rogan, Rev. George Cooke, Rev. J. O. Peck and others. The assessors in 1861 returned on the militia roll of the town 363 able-bodied men, between 18 and 45 years of age, and before the close of the year nearly 25 per cent. of this number had enlisted in the service. No bounties were paid by the town in 1861, but in July of that year Rev. J. L. Merrick of the South parish offered \$5 to every single man and \$10 to every married man who enlisted from his parish. Mr. Merrick paid out in the course of the year \$145, others in the South parish \$75, and subscriptions in other parts of the town brought the amount up to \$566.50, out of which \$5 was paid to every Amherst member of Co. D, 27th regiment. The earlier volunteers were unwilling to wait until a regiment should be formed in this section. The first Amherst man to be mustered into service was Charles F. Kellogg, who joined the 2d regiment, and was mustered in May 25. In June, eleven Amherst men were mustered into the 10th regiment, the first recruited in Western Massachusetts; most of these were attached to Co. C, the Northampton company. In July, two Amherst men were mustered into the 15th regiment. In August, 15 Amherst men were mustered, one in the 18th and 14 in the





21st. In September, 37 men were mustered, and in October 16, 49 of whom became members of the 27th regiment, two of the 20th, one of the 28th and one of the 1st cavalry. In December, three Amherst men were mustered into the 31st regiment. In October, occurred the battle of Ball's Bluff, in which Francis H. Dickinson of the 15th regiment was killed, the first man on Amherst's quota to give up his life for his country. Sept. 20, the members of Co. D, 27th regiment, recruited in Amherst and neighboring towns, assembled at noon in Agricultural hall. Forming in line they marched to the Amherst house, where dinner was served. From the Amherst house they were escorted to the New London Northern depot by the Amherst College class of '63. An immense crowd was in waiting to see them depart. Addresses were delivered by Hon. Edward Dickinson and Rev. C. L. Woodworth and prayer was offered by President Stearns. During the month of September, the ladies of the South and West parishes sent a large quantity of clothing and supplies to the Sanitary Commission at Washington, D. C., the first of many generous contributions which were continued all through the period of the war.

The 31st regiment, which contained four Amherst men, was recruited at Pittsfield and started for the front Feb. 21, 1862. It was one of two regiments recruited for special service by Gen. B. F. Butler, under orders of the war department, and was known at first as the Western Bay State regiment. In the spring of 1862, the Massachusetts regiments containing Amherst men were stationed as follows: The 2d regiment with the Army of Virginia, at the headwaters of the Potomac; the 9th, 10th, 11th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22d regiments, with the Army of the Potomac; the 21st and 27th regiments, with General Burnside's army in North Carolina; the 31st regiment, in the Department of the Gulf in Louisiana; the 28th regiment and the 1st cavalry, in the Army of the South in South Carolina; the 1st artillery, in forts near Washington. July 4, 1862, President Lincoln issued a call for 300,000 men to serve for three years or during the war. The quota allotted to Massachusetts was 15,000 men, to form new regiments and fill the ranks of those already in the field. In accordance with this demand, ten new regiments were promptly raised and forwarded to the front, numbered consecutively from 32 to 41, inclusive. Amherst men were enlisted in the 32d, 34th, 36th and 37th regiments. The 32d regiment was recruited at Fort Warren in Boston Harbor and was known at first as the Fort Warren battalion; it left the state May 26. The 34th regiment, recruited at Worcester, left for Washington Aug. 15. The 36th regiment left the state Aug. 31. The 37th regiment was recruited at "Camp Briggs" in Pittsfield, and started for the front Sept. 7. Aug. 4, a call was issued by President Lincoln for 300,000 men to serve nine months. Massachusetts' quota being fixed at 19,090. These men were to be raised



by draft. Massachusetts furnished her contingent by voluntary enlistment within a reasonable time and the draft was avoided. The new regiments recruited and sent into the field under the call for nine-months' men were numbered from 42 to 53 inclusive, while the 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th regiments of three-months men were recruited to the full number and enlisted for nine months service. Amherst had men enlisted in the 42d, 46th, 52d and 53d regiments. The 42d regiment was recruited at Readville and left the state Nov. 19, being assigned to the Department of the Gulf. The 46th regiment was recruited at "Camp Banks" near Springfield and sailed from Boston Oct. 24 for New Berne, N. C. The 52d regiment was recruited at "Camp Miller," Greenfield, leaving that town Nov. 20 for New York, where it embarked Nov. 25 and went to join the Department of the Gulf. The 53d regiment was recruited at Groton, and left Boston Nov. 18 by boat, under orders to report to Gen. Banks at New Orleans. A part of the 42d regiment reached Galveston, being the first detachment of the loyal army to land in Texas during the war.

During the year 1862, the battles of Roanoke Island, New Berne, Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, Chantilly, 2d Manassas, South Mountain, Antietam and Fredericksburg were fought, as well as many lesser engagements, in all of which Amherst troops took part. When in February, news was received of the capture of Fort Donelson, the first great Union victory of the war, the church bells were rung and there was general celebration of the event. The battle of Roanoke Island was fought Feb. 8, and that of New Berne March 14, the Amherst troops in the 21st and 27th regiments doing gallant service in both actions. At the battle of Roanoke Island, one Amherst man was wounded; at the battle of New Berne, one Amherst man was killed, and seven wounded, two mortally. It was at the battle of New Berne that Lieut. Frazer A. Stearns, serving as adjutant, was killed while rallying his men to charge. Lieut. Stearns was son of President Stearns of Amherst College, and was a student at the college in the class of '63, when the war broke out. He enlisted in the 21st Mass. regiment, was wounded at the battle of Roanoke Island, and his death at the battle of New Berne was deeply lamented by his comrades in the service and by all who knew him. The historian of the 21st speaks of Adjutant Stearns as "the ideal soldier of the regiment, handsome in face and person, true in his friendship, and enthusiastic in his devoted courage." Gen. Jesse L. Reno, in whose division he served, refers to him as "one of the most accomplished and gallant officers in the army." His remains were sent to Amherst in care of Lieut. Fred. Sanderson. Funeral services for Adjutant Stearns were held at the Village Congregational church March 22, the church being filled to overflowing. The students of Amherst College formed in procession and marched to the church, the members of the



junior class wearing badges of mourning. The pall-bearers were members of the class of '61. An eloquent funeral discourse was delivered by Prof. W. S. Tyler. March 25, occurred the public presentation of a sword and belt to Lieut. Sanderson. Gen. Burnside, commanding the Department of North Carolina, issued under date of March 16 a special order, directing "that the six-pounder brass gun, taken in the battery where Adjutant Stearns, of the 21st Massachusetts Volunteers, met his death while gallantly fighting at the battle of New Berne, be presented to his regiment as a monument to the memory of a brave man." The regiment voted to present the gun to Amherst College, for safe keeping and having been appropriately inscribed the gun was forwarded to the college, the presentation ceremonies taking place April 14, in front of the college chapel, in presence of a large audience. Hon. Edward Dickinson presided at the meeting. Capt. J. D. Frazier of Co. H made the speech of presentation in behalf of the regiment, and the gun was accepted by Rev. Joseph Vaill, D. D., on behalf of the college trustees. Prof. Julius H. Seelye spoke a few words on behalf of the college faculty. This gun is now in Williston Hall.

In the battle of New Berne, Austin Barton of the 21st regiment and Charles K. Baker of the 27th were mortally wounded. Others wounded, but not mortally, were George W. Newell of the 21st and Charles H. Barton, James Bowman, John E. Cushman and Solomon H. Williams of the 27th. In April, at a skirmish at Wise Forks, N. C. Edmund Boltwood and Charles B. Spaulding of the 27th were wounded. In the battle of Kinston, John Shoals of the 27th regiment was wounded. In the battle of Fair Oaks, in May, George L. Putnam of the 10th regiment was killed and Ebenezer M. Johnson of the same regiment wounded. At the battle of Chantilly in September, George W. Scott was killed and Henry F. Douglass wounded, both members of the 21st. At the battle of Fredericksburg in December, Josiah Thayer of the 10th regiment was mortally wounded, while Nelson O. Ball of the 10th, Alonzo W. Latham of the 18th and Lewis R. Haskell of the 21st were wounded, but not mortally.

April 16, the parishioners and friends of Rev. C. L. Woodworth, who had accepted an appointment as chaplain of the 27th regiment, paid him a surprise visit and presented him a revolver and a sum of money to pay for his outfit. June 27, a strawberry festival was held for the benefit of wounded soldiers. July 12, a mass meeting of citizens was held at Agricultural hall to consider what could be done to promote enlistments. On motion of W. A. Dickinson, it was voted the sense of the meeting that the town should pay each volunteer \$100 bounty, in addition to the United States and state bounties, and that the selectmen be requested to call a town-meeting at an early day to take action on the matter. Several prom-



inent citizens guaranteed that the \$100 bounty should be paid, in case the town did not make the appropriation. William F. Stearns, son of President Stearns, offered to give \$25 to each soldier who should enlist from Amherst, the number not to exceed 36. At a special meeting held July 21, the town voted to give the \$100 bounty.

When in August came the call for 300,000 men to serve for nine months, with instructions that the same be raised by draft, there was great excitement in Massachusetts. A new enrollment of persons liable for military duty was ordered throughout the state. The roll in Amherst showed 403 men subject to the call. A mass-meeting was held in Agricultural hall, Aug. 20, to see if citizens would anticipate action by the town, and guarantee specific sums as bounties for men enlisting to serve for nine months. The attendance was very large. Hon. Edward Dickinson served as chairman of the meeting and H. A. Marsh as secretary. On motion, it was voted as the sense of the meeting that the town should offer a bounty of \$100 to each man who should volunteer, to avoid a draft upon the citizens under the call. A guarantee fund was raised for use until the town should assume the payment of bounties. At a special meeting held Aug. 25, the town voted to pay a bounty of \$100 to each man who should enlist until the town's quota was filled. The quota of Amherst was 48 men; as over 50 men enlisted in two days the draft was avoided. Sept. 5, the *Express* printed an interesting obituary notice of Col. William S. Clark, who was, wrongfully, reported killed at the battle of 2d Manassas. Sept. 30, the men enlisted for service in the 52d regiment left Amherst for Greenfield. Oct. 7 and 8, an "old folks concert," given for the benefit of wounded soldiers, met with great success. Dec. 3, a meeting was held in Amherst of delegates from several towns in the vicinity, to devise plans for the relief of soldiers in the Union armies. Dec. 12, Rev. George Cooke left Amherst for Washington, with several boxes of clothing for the 37th regiment. During the year some of the Amherst soldiers returned home on furloughs and were warmly welcomed. Letters from men who were serving in the armies were given a prominent place in the columns of the *Express*. In the fall of 1862 and spring of 1863, Amherst narrowly escaped a draft, owing to the fact that men serving for the town had not all been credited on its quota, at state headquarters. In February, 1863, Col. Conkey went to Boston and saw that the town was given its proper credits.

During the year 1862, 102 Amherst men were enlisted in the Union armies. In February, eight men were enlisted, six to serve in the 1st regiment of heavy artillery, one in the 15th regiment and one in the 31st. In March, two men were enlisted, one to serve in the 1st heavy artillery, and





one in the 27th regiment. In June, there were three enlistments, two in the 27th regiment and one in the 34th. In July, six men enlisted, all to serve in the 27th. In August, there were 63 enlistments, three in the 27th regiment, 23 in the 37th, 34 in the 52d and three in the 1st cavalry. There were 13 enlistments in September, one in the 27th, two in the 37th, nine in the 52d and one in the 46th. In October there were seven enlistments, one each in the 42d and 52d regiments, three in the 46th and two in the 53d. During the year William F. Stearns, Esq. paid bounties of \$25 each to 35 men who enlisted from Amherst, amounting to \$875.

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## CHAPTER LV.

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HARD TIMES IN 1863.—THE CONSCRIPTION ACT.—AMHERST'S ENROLLMENT.—THE DRAFT AT GREENFIELD.—SUBSTITUTES AND COMMUTATION.—BATTLES IN 1863.—MEASURES TO AVOID THE DRAFT.—RETURN OF THE 27TH.—AMHERST MEN KILLED AND WOUNDED IN 1864.—THE ROLL OF HONOR.—LOSSES IN BATTLE.—SERVICE BY REGIMENTS.—MUSTER BY MONTHS.—WAR EXPENSES OF THE TOWN.

The year 1863 was a hard and trying one to the patriotic citizens of Amherst, as to those in all loyal communities throughout the Union. The excitement and enthusiasm incident to the outbreak of the war and the first call to arms had abated. A large percentage of the young and able-bodied men had enlisted and were fighting in the Union armies. The Army of the Potomac, containing the greater number of Amherst volunteers, had met with repeated reverses, each battle bringing with it a long list of killed and wounded and missing. There were no signs of an ending to the terrible struggle, little but faith to warrant a belief that the Union arms would gain ultimate success. But the year brought with it increasing demands upon the blood and treasure of the people. The depleted ranks of the armies in the field called for constant reinforcements, and a threatened invasion of the North by rebel armies necessitated the raising of new armies of defence. The limit of volunteering had been reached, and even the payment of generous bounties failed to secure the men needed for the service. Under these circumstances there was need of heroic



measures, and early in the year Congress passed the so-called "conscription bill."

This measure provided for the enrollment of all able-bodied citizens of the United States, between the ages of 22 and 45, including persons of foreign birth who had declared their intention of becoming citizens. Certain classes were declared exempt, including those physically disabled and those having others solely dependent on them for support. Persons subject to the draft were divided in two classes; the first class embraced all unmarried men between the ages of 20 and 45 and married men between the ages of 20 and 35, the second class all married men between the ages of 35 and 45. Each congressional district was constituted an enrollment district. All enrolled persons were to remain for two years subject to a call into military service and when so called to continue in the service for three years or during the war. The president of the United States was authorized to assign the number of men to be drafted from each district. In fixing the quota, the number of volunteers already furnished by each district was to be considered. Drafted men might furnish substitutes, or, in lieu of performing military service, might pay \$300. Persons failing to report to the military authorities after due notice were to be treated as deserters. The president was given full power under the act to call out the national forces at any time until the rebellion had been suppressed.

Under the provisions of this act Henry A. Marsh, editor of the *Express*, was appointed in June, 1863, enrolling officer for Amherst. He completed his enrollment lists June 26. He found the whole number of males in Amherst between the ages of 20 and 45 to be 567; of these, 392 were in the first class and 175 in the second. Of those in the first class, 48 were of foreign birth and eight were colored. Of the second class, 18 were of foreign birth and five colored. Of the first class, 143 were already in the United States service, of the second class 13. But 191 of the first class were subject to draft. Early in July, President Lincoln issued a call for 600,000 men, to be raised by draft. Amherst's quota under the call was 88 men, including 50 per cent. extra for probable exemptions. July 14, the draft for the Ninth congressional district, of which Amherst formed a part, began at Greenfield. The drawing was held at the provost marshal's office in Armory hall, in presence of three commissioners who were seated on the platform. The names of the men of the first class were placed in a wheel, from which they were drawn by a man blindfolded. Amherst was the first town drawn, and the first Amherst man drafted was Amariah L. Brown, keeper of a billiard-saloon. Many prominent men of the town were drawn, including four professors at Amherst College and leading business men. While the draft was going on there was considerable disturbance in Greenfield by rebel sympathizers.



Aug. 1, the men drafted from Amherst appeared at Greenfield and took the prescribed physical examination. Several did not take the examination but furnished substitutes. Of the 68 examined, 30 were accepted. Greenfield correspondence of the *Express* stated under date of Aug. 11 that of the number accepted from Amherst not one had entered the service in person; all had furnished substitutes or paid \$300 each to obtain them. The same correspondent wrote to the *Express* under date of Aug. 14, that it was surprising to learn the amount of sickness and debility existing among men between the ages of 20 and 45. The draft was based on the supposition that 50 per cent. would cover the exemption, but the result showed a great mistake in calculation. Only about 20 per cent. of the persons examined were accepted. From Amherst, a little more than half the required number was accepted out of the first quota. From some towns fully 95 per cent. of the men drafted had been exempted. At first, substitutes had commanded from \$325 to \$350, but the price had fallen to \$300 and there was no difficulty in obtaining them at that figure. Up to Aug. 11, 197 substitutes had been accepted, clothed and sent to the rendezvous on Long Island. Many of the substitutes were deserters, if not from the service from other stations. Another large class consisted of thieves, pickpockets and rioters from New York city. They were brought to Greenfield by agents and intended to desert as soon as they had secured their pay. Several made the attempt but few succeeded, as they were kept at the station but one day and during that time were strictly guarded. The previous week an attempt had been made by substitutes to fire the barracks and thus effect an escape.

Under date of Aug. 26, the Greenfield correspondent wrote that the drafted men were beginning to come in. The first to appear from Amherst was Spencer Church, Jr., "who has concluded that he can afford to do his own fighting, without the aid of a substitute." About 33 per cent. of the men drafted had been accepted. Another draft would probably be necessary to fill the quota. Under date of Sept. 2, the correspondent wrote that the board of examiners had begun their labors July 23, continuing them to date. The whole number examined was 3,035. Of these, 788 men had been accepted and 331 substitutes had been furnished. Only 41 drafted men had responded in person. Many persons drafted were not to be found; some had been drafted from two places while others were non-residents. The whole number obtained by the draft would not exceed 850, leaving a deficiency to be supplied by supplementary draft. Of the number drafted from Amherst, 20 had furnished substitutes, seven paid commutation, one had two members of his family already engaged in military service, two enlisted before the draft, nine were aliens, two non-residents,





two over 35 and married, one under 20, one supposed to be dead, one non-resident, 38 excused for physical disability; total exemptions, 84.

Aug. 3, the Amherst members of the 52d regiment of nine-months men having completed their term of service returned to their homes in Amherst. They were warmly welcomed but there was no public reception. The Union victories at Vicksburg and Gettysburg in July caused President Lincoln to appoint Aug. 6 as a day of public thanksgiving. The day was recognized in Amherst by a general suspension of business. A union service of the churches was held at the First Congregational church, a sermon being delivered by Rev. H. L. Hubbell. In October, a call was issued for 300,000 volunteers. Amherst's quota under the call was 44 men. Henry A. Marsh was appointed recruiting agent to see that the quota was secured. Dec. 28, a meeting was held by citizens interested in filling the town's quota. Addresses were made by Samuel C. Carter and Hon. Edward Dickinson. A committee was appointed, consisting of one member from each school district, to canvass and assist in securing volunteers. By strenuous exertions on the part of the citizens the town's quota was filled Jan. 4, 1864. The event was celebrated Jan. 6, by a supper at the Amherst house, at which the volunteers from the town were invited guests.

During the year 1863 occurred the battles of Chancellorsville, Marye's Heights, Salem Church, Rappahannock Station, Gettysburg and Port Hudson, and many minor engagements in which Amherst troops took part. At the battle of Gettysburg, Henry C. Ball of the 15th regiment was killed, Edward W. Prouty of the 15th mortally wounded and Marcus T. C. Miles of the 20th wounded, but not mortally. At the assault on Port Hudson, Martin S. Johnson of the 53d regiment was killed and George P. Spear of the 52d wounded. In the fight at Irish Bend, La., John White of the 52d was wounded. In the fighting in the Shenandoah Valley, Charles V. Smith of the 28th regiment was wounded. In the battle of Chickamauga, George B. Cooley, a native of Amherst, of the 44th Ill. was wounded. During the year there were 24 enlistments from Amherst, not including re-enlistments or the men who went as substitutes for others who had been drafted. In January, one man enlisted in the 27th regiment. In March there were four enlistments, all in the 54th regiment, the first regiment of colored men raised in Massachusetts. There were six enlistments in July, one in the 9th regiment, two in the 20th, one in the 32d, two in the 54th. In August there were four enlistments, one each in the 9th, 15th, 19th and 22d regiments. Four men enlisted in November, two in the 1st heavy artillery, one each in the 37th and 54th regiments. In December there were five enlistments, one in the 21st and four in the 27th regiment. The



military record of the town, compiled by the town clerk, Samuel C. Carter, shows in but few instances the regiments in which the substitutes served.

At the beginning of the year 1864, the Massachusetts regiments in which Amherst men were serving were distributed as follows: The 9th, 10th, 11th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22d, 28th, 32d and 37th regiments of infantry and the 1st cavalry in the Army of the Potomac; the 2d, 21st, and 36th regiments in the Department of the Ohio; the 27th infantry and the 2d heavy artillery in the Department of Virginia and North Carolina; the 54th regiment in the Department of the South, the 31st regiment in the Department of the Gulf; the 34th infantry, 2d cavalry and 1st heavy artillery in the Department of Washington. Early in the year, the third battalion of the 1st cavalry was permanently detached from that regiment, and a new battalion was recruited in the state, attached to it and made the 4th regiment of cavalry. The 5th (colored) cavalry regiment was organized in the spring of 1864 and left for Washington in May. The 3d heavy artillery regiment was organized in the spring and went to the front in May. In March, 1864, President Lincoln issued a call for 200,000 men; Amherst's quota was 23. The draft began at Greenfield, May 13. A club was formed at North Amherst for mutual protection against the draft. When one of its members was drafted, the members subscribed a sufficient amount each to make up the sum of \$300. Under date of April 15, the *Express* printed the following paragraph:

"Rev. George Cooke, agent of the America Life Insurance, presents to our people a novel way of avoiding the draft. He insures their lives for \$1000, and guarantees \$300 in case of their being drafted, upon payment of \$100, in addition to the usual fee for insurance."

During the summer the enrolled militia of the town raised money among the members by subscription, and appointed an agent to act for them in connection with the selectmen in procuring volunteers to be credited to the town in anticipation of another call for troops. July 4, the women of the town held a very successful fair in Agricultural hall, in aid of the Christian Commission. Early in July came another call for 500,000 men. Amherst's quota was 50. C. E. Hutchinson was appointed recruiting agent and the list was made up without a draft. The personal exertions of the selectmen were largely instrumental in effecting this result. Without a dollar in the treasury, they became individually responsible for over \$3,000, and also obtained \$12,000, by loans on short time, from between 50 and 60 individuals. Between June 1 and Sept. 16, the town enlisted 51 men, paying \$10,300 for the services of 34 men for three years, \$963 for the services of four men for two years, \$1,341 for the services of 13 men for one year.



Sept. 27, the members of the 27th regiment belonging in Amherst reached their homes. They were met at the depot by a large concourse of people. On the arrival of the train a salute was fired, then a procession was formed, headed by the Belchertown band; following the band came the college students and then a long line of citizens bearing banners and mottoes. The procession marched from the depot to the West village, thence to the East Congregational church where services were held. Prayer was offered by President Stearns, followed by an address of welcome by Col. W. S. Clark, and brief addresses by Prof. Vose, Capt. T. W. Sloan and others. The band played a dirge in honor of the dead, after which the soldiers and their friends repaired to the chapel, where a collation was served. Many dwellings along the route were handsomely illuminated. Twenty-one members of the regiment were present.

Announcement was made Sept. 30 that there could be no draft in the district, the quota of every town being filled. In October, a society was formed, numbering 130 members, for the relief of the soldiers suffering in the hospitals. Nov. 1, the "Unconditional Union" men held a public demonstration. Most of the dwellings, stores and public halls were illuminated. The students formed a procession on the college grounds, and marshaled by Col. W. S. Clark marched to the square in front of the post-office, where they were joined by a procession from East Amherst, marshaled by S. W. Whitney and headed by a military band. The line of march was through the principal streets to the First Congregational church, where exercises were held. The meeting was called to order by Henry F. Hills, chairman of the town committee. Addresses were delivered by Rev. C. L. Woodworth, Rev. Dr. Seelye of Easthampton and Prof. J. H. Seelye. At the election held Nov. 8, Amherst gave Abraham Lincoln 512 votes for president and George B. McClellan 47. At a meeting of enrolled men, held Dec. 12, H. C. Howard and W. W. Smith were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions of \$10 each from men liable to draft and from other persons who might be disposed to contribute. Dec. 23, a call was issued for 300,000 troops to be furnished within 60 days; Amherst's quota was filled without a draft. In the winter of 1864, the state was divided into military company districts, Amherst and Hadley forming one district. At a meeting held at Agricultural hall, Jan. 9, Sylvester L. Stockbridge of Hadley was chosen captain of the military company raised in the two towns.

During the year 1864 occurred the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Olustee, Arrowfield Church, Drury's Bluff, Charlestown, Winchester, the assault on Petersburg, and many other bloody engagements in which Amherst troops did valiant service. The battle of the Wilderness, May 6, was the most disastrous to Amherst troops of any



during the war. Five men were mortally wounded, Charles V. Smith and Michael Doyle of the 28th regiment, Henry E. Boynton and David L. Dickinson of the 1st heavy artillery and James K. Sanderson of the 37th regiment. Others wounded were, Charles F. Kellogg of the 2d regiment, Henry Coy of the 9th, Charles H. Barton of the 27th, Rufus P. Lincoln, Frederick R. Bell, Charles F. Turner and William J. Smith, all of the 37th. Before the Army of the Potomac had recovered from the effects of the battle of the Wilderness it was called upon to engage in another bloody contest with armed rebellion at Spottsylvania. In this battle the 37th regiment was conspicuous for its gallantry and suffered severely. Of the Amherst members of the regiment, George E. Cooke was mortally wounded; others wounded were Rufus P. Lincoln, William Fahay and John A. Glazier. Nelson O. Ball of the 10th regiment was wounded, and Samuel White, an Amherst man but serving in the 5th Wisconsin, was killed. Less than three weeks after the battle of Spottsylvania came the assault on Cold Harbor, one of the bravest attacks and bloodiest repulses known in the history of modern warfare. Of the Amherst troops engaged in this action, those connected with the 27th regiment suffered most severely. Of their number, Levi Edson and Charles D. Mullett were killed, Ptolemy P. Cutter mortally wounded, and E. Baxter Dickinson, Simeon E. Preston, Chester Dickinson, Jr., Medad Vinton, Henry E. Hawley, Cornelius O'Connor, Jacob L. Rust and Henry B. Sears wounded. From Cold Harbor, the Army of the Potomac followed the rebel army to the intrenchments before Petersburg, where for ten months the hostile forces faced each other, engaging in countless skirmishes and more than one severe engagement. In the operations about Petersburg, the 27th regiment suffered severely; of the Amherst men in this regiment, Levi M. Bolio and William W. Latham were killed, George A. Draper mortally wounded and James A. Preston wounded. Richard B. Loomis of the 21st regiment and Frederick R. Bell of the 37th were wounded. At the battle of Olustee, Jason Champ- lin was killed and Charles A. Finnemore wounded; both were members of the 54th regiment. In the engagement at Arrowfield Church, Eugene P. Hervey of the 27th regiment was mortally wounded, and John Shoals and William J. Hopkins of the same regiment wounded. At the battle of Drury's Bluff, James W. Spear of the 27th regiment was mortally wounded and Charles B. Spaulding of the same regiment wounded. In the skirmish at Charlestown, Joseph K. Taylor of the 37th regiment was mortally wounded and Patrick Beston of the same regiment wounded. At the battle of Winchester, Mason W. Tyler, John A. Leggett and Timothy Spellman, all of the 37th regiment, were wounded. In the fight at City Point, Henry Bowman of the 20th regiment was mortally wounded. In the battle of Boynton Plank Road, James A. Pierce of the 1st heavy





artillery was wounded. In the assault on Fort Stevens, John Sandling of the 37th regiment was wounded.

During the year 1864, there were 61 enlistments from Amherst, not counting re-enlistments. In January, 15 men enlisted, four in the 27th regiment, and 11 in the 5th cavalry. In February, one man enlisted in the 28th regiment. In May, there were three enlistments, two in the 19th regiment and one in the 3d heavy artillery. In June, one man enlisted in the 22d regiment. In July, there were 13 enlistments, two in the 37th regiment, one in the 13th battery of light artillery, two in the 2d heavy artillery, three in the 4th cavalry, five in the 36th regiment and one in the Veteran Reserve Corps. In August, there were three enlistments, two in the 2d heavy artillery and one in the 60th regiment. In September, 15 men enlisted, two in the 2d heavy artillery, one in the 29th unattached company of heavy artillery, one in the 2d cavalry, one in the 4th cavalry, three in the 5th cavalry, one in the 11th regiment, one in the 1st heavy artillery, five in the Veteran Reserve Corps. In December, there were 10 enlistments, one in the 13th battery of light artillery, four in the first cavalry, one in the 4th cavalry, two in the 19th regiment, one in the 20th regiment, one in the Veteran Reserve Corps. There was but one enlistment from Amherst in 1865, and that in the 1st battalion of frontier cavalry.

In the spring of 1865, Amherst troops were engaged in the assault on Petersburg, the battle of Fort Fisher and the battle of Sailors' Creek, the last great battle of the rebellion. In the battle of Sailors' Creek William F. Leggett of the 37th regiment was killed. In the assault on Fort Fisher, Mason W. Tyler of the 37th regiment was wounded.

When news was received in Amherst, April 3d, of the fall of Richmond, there was great public rejoicing; when, less than two weeks later, came the tidings of Lee's surrender, preparations were made for a celebration worthy the event. The church bells were rung and a four-horse team was sent to Northampton to procure a cannon. Early in the evening the team returned, drawing a piece of cast-iron, "as large around as a stove-pipe and as long as a string" all that could be procured. This was loaded up and fired until it burst, about midnight. All the dry-goods boxes that could be found were captured and furnished food for mammoth bon-fires. The celebration was continued through the night and was taken part in by citizens both young and old.

The following lists will serve to show the names of troops who served on Amherst's quota who were killed in battle, died from wounds, died of disease contracted in the service, suffered from wounds or imprisonment. It is, in the highest meaning of the words, a roll of honor:



## KILLED IN BATTLE.

Henry C. Ball,  
Levi M. Bolio,  
Jason Champlin,  
Francis H. Dickinson,

Levi Edson,  
Martin S. Johnson,  
William W. Latham,  
William F. Leggett,

Charles D. Mullett.  
George L. Putnam,  
George W. Scott,  
Frazar A. Stearns.

## DIED FROM WOUNDS.

Charles K. Baker,  
Austin Barton,  
Henry Bowman,  
Henry E. Boynton,  
George E. Cooke,  
Ptolemy P. Cutter,

David L. Dickinson,  
Michael Doyle,  
George A. Draper,  
Eugene P. Hervey,  
Edward W. Prouty,  
James K. Sanderson.

Charles V. Smith.  
James W. Spear,  
Joseph K. Taylor,  
Josiah Thayer,  
Samuel White.

## DIED FROM DISEASE.

Charles B. Adams,  
Sylester H. Adams,  
Milo A. Bartlett,  
Morrison Barton,  
Cephas B. Bolio,  
John W. Dickinson,  
Joseph Grover,  
Jarvis Jackson,  
Sanford Jackson,

Ezra Kelsey,  
Alonzo W. Latham,  
Murray B. Lovett,  
Edward Lyons,  
Edward W. Manley,  
Marcus T. C. Miles,  
Reuben Miles,  
Lyman D. Phelps,  
Henry C. Plumb,  
Norman Roberts.

Arthur Sears.  
Lyman W. Skinner,  
George W. Sloan,  
Edward H. Stanley,  
Ethan A. Taft,  
Henry Thompson,  
John Thompson,  
John P. W. Wheelock,  
Robert Wilson,

## WOUNDED.

Ezra Baker,  
Nelson O. Ball,  
Charles H. Barton,  
Frederick R. Bell,  
John Beston, Jr.,  
Patrick Beston,  
Edmund Boltwood,  
James Bowman,  
Albert Cates,  
Spencer Church, Jr.,  
George B. Cooley,  
Henry Coy,  
John E. Cushman,  
Chester Dickinson, Jr.,  
E. Baxter Dickinson,  
Henry F. Douglass,

William Fahay,  
Charles A. Finnemore,  
John A. Glazier,  
Lewis R. Haskell,  
Henry E. Hawley,  
William J. Hopkins,  
Ebenezer M. Johnson,  
Charles F. Kellogg,  
John A. Leggett,  
Rufus P. Lincoln,  
Richard B. Loomis,  
George W. Newell,  
Freeman E. Nutting,  
Cornelius O'Connor,  
James A. Pierce,  
Edwin H. Potwin.  
James A. Preston.

Simeon E. Preston,  
Dwight Russell,  
Jacob L. Rust,  
John Sandling,  
Henry B. Sears,  
John Shoals,  
William J. Smith,  
Charles B. Spaulding,  
George P. Spear,  
Timothy Spellman,  
Charles F. Turner,  
Mason W. Tyler,  
Medad Vinton,  
John White,  
William H. White,  
Solomon H. Williams.

## CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED.

Ashley W. Barrows,  
Eli H. Johnson,  
Ezra Kelsey,

Warren F. King,  
Cornelius O'Connor.  
John Shoals,

J. Leander Skinner.  
Linneus C. Skinner,  
Medad Vinton.



The losses in the various engagements with the enemy may be summarized as follows: Wilderness, 12 wounded, five mortally; Cold Harbor, two killed, eight wounded; one mortally; New Berne, one killed, eight wounded, two mortally; Petersburg, two killed, four wounded, one mortally; Spottsylvania, six wounded, two mortally; Gettysburg, one killed, four wounded, one mortally; Fredericksburg, three wounded, one mortally; Winchester, three wounded; Arrowfield Church, three wounded, one mortally; Fair Oaks, one killed, one wounded; Ball's Bluff, one killed, one wounded; Chantilly, one killed, one wounded; Olustee, one killed, one wounded; Port Hudson, one killed, one wounded; Drury's Bluff, two wounded, one mortally; Charlestown, two wounded, one mortally; Wise Forks, two wounded; Sailor's Creek, one killed; City Point, one mortally wounded; Roanoke Island, one wounded; Shenandoah Valley, one wounded; Boynton Plank Road, one wounded; Chickamauga, one wounded; Fort Fisher, one wounded; Fort Stevens, one wounded; Irish Bend, one wounded; Kinston, one wounded. Benjamin P. Allen of the 1st heavy artillery, Charles Smith of the 4th cavalry, Spencer Church, Jr. of the 9th regiment and George Dickinson of the 52d regiment died from disease contracted in the service, after their discharge.

In addition to the above list, Amherst soldiers took part in the following engagements, in which no casualties were reported among their number: Battles of Gum Swamp, Swift Creek, Marye's Heights, Salem Church, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, Cedar Creek, Hatcher's Run, North Anna, Brashear City, Franklin, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Second Manassas, South Mountain. In addition to these were many skirmishes and minor engagements.

Of those who enlisted on Amherst's quota in 1861, 29 were of Amherst birth; in 1862, 34; in 1863, 12; in 1864, 2. The following tables will show the number of men on Amherst's quota serving in different organizations, and the date of their muster by months:

## SERVICE BY REGIMENTS.

|                |                |                          |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 2d Reg't, 1    | 31st Reg't, 4  | 1st Heavy Artillery, 10  |
| 9th Reg't, 2   | 32d Reg't, 1   | 2d Heavy Artillery, 6    |
| 10th Reg't, 11 | 34th Reg't, 1  | 3d Heavy Artillery, 1    |
| 11th Reg't, 1  | 36th Reg't, 4  | 29th Unat. Artillery, 1  |
| 15th Reg't, 4  | 37th Reg't, 28 | 13th Light Battery, 2    |
| 19th Reg't, 5  | 42d Reg't, 1   | 1st Cavalry, 8           |
| 18th Reg't, 1  | 46th Reg't, 4  | 2d Cavalry, 1            |
| 20th Reg't, 5  | 52d Reg't, 44  | 4th Cavalry, 5           |
| 21st Reg't, 15 | 53d Reg't, 2   | 5th Cavalry, 14          |
| 22d Reg't, 2   | 54th Reg't, 7  | 1st Frontier Cavalry, 1  |
| 27th Reg't, 71 | 60th Reg't, 1  | Veteran Reserve Corps, 7 |
| 28th Reg't, 2  |                |                          |





## MUSTER BY MONTHS.

| 1861      | 1862      | 1863     | 1864      | 1865    |
|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| May, 1    | Feb., 8   | Jan., 1  | Jan., 15  | Jan., 1 |
| June, 11  | March, 2  | March, 4 | Feb., 1   |         |
| July, 2   | June, 3   | July, 6  | May, 3    |         |
| Aug., 15  | July, 6   | Aug., 4  | June, 1   |         |
| Sept., 37 | Aug., 63  | Nov., 4  | July, 13  |         |
| Oct., 16  | Sept., 13 | Dec., 5  | Aug., 3   |         |
| Dec., 3   | Oct., 7   |          | Sept., 15 |         |
|           |           |          | Dec., 10  |         |

The Town Meeting Records in Part Second of this volume contain the votes passed by the town in regard to military matters during the war. The following statistics are taken from the Military Record of the town, compiled by Samuel C. Carter, town clerk. The men who enlisted in 1861 received no bounties from the town, but after two years of service twenty of them re-enlisted and received \$100 bounty extra, as veterans, from the United States government. In 1862, the town paid a bounty of \$100 to each volunteer, which was legalized by an act of the Legislature passed Feb. 27, 1863. The act of March 17, 1863, prohibited towns paying any more bounties, as all bounties had been equalized. The act of March 18, 1864, authorized towns to raise money for paying or refunding money paid by towns or individuals, for filling the quota under the call of Oct. 17, 1863, and Feb. 1, 1864. Under this act, \$2000 was assessed and refunded to individuals in 1864. The act of March 28, 1864, authorized towns to raise money for the purpose of procuring their proportion of the quota of volunteers, for one year from March 1, 1864, but not to exceed \$125 per man. The act of March 27, 1865, authorized raising money to apply under any call to March, 1866. The act of April 25, 1865, allowed towns to raise money and repay towns or individuals, under any call in 1864, if assessed in three years.

## MILITARY EXPENSES.

|                                                    |             |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Expenses of the town in 1861,                      | \$535.17    |
| Expenses of individuals in 1861,                   | 566.50      |
| Expenses of the town in 1862,                      | 8,356.00    |
| Expenses of William F. Stearns, Esq.,              | 875.00      |
| Expenses of the town in 1863,                      | 61.25       |
| Expenses of drafted men for substitutes in 1863-4, | 14,275.00   |
| Expenses of the town in 1864,                      | 11,738.85   |
| Expenses of individuals in 1864,                   | 8,063.00    |
| Expenses of the town in 1865,                      | 406.00      |
| Interest on state aid,                             | 1,350.50    |
|                                                    | <hr/>       |
|                                                    | \$46,237.27 |



Deducting \$1,641.27 received from the state on equalization of bounties, the total military expenses of the town and individuals would appear to be \$44,596, in reality but a fraction of the actual money cost to the town of the war for the preservation of the Union. During the continuance of the war state aid was furnished to 114 families.

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## CHAPTER LVI.

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REGIMENTAL HISTORY.—TWENTY-SEVENTH.—THIRTY-SEVENTH.—FIFTY-SECOND.—TENTH.—TWENTY-FIRST.—FIFTY-FOURTH.

Of the less than 300 men who served on Amherst's quota, whose names appear on the marble tablets in the town hall, 176 did service in the 10th, 21st, 27th, 37th, 52d and 54th regiments. A brief sketch of the service of these regiments is here given, compiled from the regimental histories. As the 27th, 37th and 52d regiments contained companies raised in Amherst and adjoining towns, precedence is here given them.

### TWENTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT.

Sept. 3, 1861, Horace C. Lee, city clerk of Springfield, a man of experience in affairs connected with the state militia, received written authority from Gov. Andrew to recruit a regiment in the four western counties of the state. Sept. 10, recruiting offices were opened in Northampton, Amherst, Greenfield, Athol, Ludlow, Chicopee, Springfield, Westfield, North Adams and Pittsfield. The companies raised at Northampton and Westfield had their ranks filled by the 15th. Sept. 17, the companies from Amherst, Adams, Chicopee and Ludlow were ordered into camp about one mile east of the armory at Springfield. The Amherst and Pittsfield companies arrived at Springfield Sept. 19, and owing to a lack of camp equipage made use of the armory of the City Guards for the first night. Tents arrived the following day, and Sept. 20 the Amherst, Westfield and Pittsfield companies took up their quarters at "Camp Reed."

Sept. 27, the men were mustered into the United States service, to serve for the term of three years. Sept. 29, Rev. C. L. Woodworth of Amherst conducted divine services at the camp, assisted by a choir organized by J. L. Skinner of Amherst. Rifles and uniforms were issued to the troops Oct. 10. To the Amherst company was assigned the company letter D. The line officers were: Captain, Timothy W. Sloan of Amherst;



1st lieutenant, Ami R. Dennison of Amherst; 2d lieutenant, John S. Aitcheson of Chicopee. The regiment broke camp Nov. 2, and went by Boston & Albany railroad to Hudson, N. Y., thence by boat to Jersey City, and from the latter place by rail to Annapolis, Md. Here the regiment was attached to the 1st brigade, Gen. John G. Foster commanding, of the troops assembled for the Burnside expedition. The regiment sailed from Annapolis, Jan. 11, and took part in the capture of Roanoke Island. Although Amherst troops were engaged in the battle they suffered no casualties. At the battle of New Berne, March 14, the 27th regiment suffered severely, having seven men killed and 78 wounded. Ten men were wounded in company D, including six from Amherst. It was in this battle that J. E. Cushman lost his arm. Rev. C. L. Woodworth joined the regiment as chaplain, May 1. Dec. 14, the regiment assisted in the capture of Kinston, and a little later took part in the battle of Goldsboro. In the latter part of March and the first part of April, 1863, the regiment was besieged for 18 days at Washington, N. C., by an overwhelming rebel force, but held the place until the siege was abandoned. April 28, companies D and E assaulted and carried an intrenchment at Dover X Roads. The Amherst company was first in the works. During the charge Sergeant Edmund Boltwood was severely wounded in the leg. May 22, the regiment aided in the capture of the rebel fortifications at Gum Swamp, N. C. Two men, one of them Wheaton Lovett of Co. D, captured a lieutenant and 26 men. The remainder of the year the regiment did provost duty at New Berne, Norfolk and Portsmouth.

In January, 1864, 220 men who had re-enlisted were granted a thirty-days furlough. On their return the regiment was placed on provost duty at Norfolk. Here L. C. Skinner of Amherst organized a drum corps which attained great efficiency. Rev. C. L. Woodworth assumed charge of the First Presbyterian church, by appointment of Gen. Benjamin F. Butler. In March, the regiment moved to Julian's Creek. Here they were attached to Heckman's Red Star brigade, forming a part of the Army of the James. April 26, the regiment moved to Yorktown. From Yorktown they were sent up the peninsula to a point near Williamsburg, returning May 4 to Fortress Monroe. May 5, they sailed up the James river to Bermuda Hundreds. Disembarking, the regiment took possession of Cobb's Hill. At that time Petersburg might have been captured almost without a struggle, as it was weakly garrisoned and Butler's army of 35,000 veterans was in sight of its church-spires. Delay in action enabled the rebels to strengthen the garrison and the opportunity was lost. The regiment took part in the battle at Arrowfield Church, in which engagement five members of Co. D were wounded, two of them, Eugene P. Hervey and W. J. Hopkins, from Amherst. Hopkins was wounded by a bullet in the



right eye. In the engagement at Walthall Junction, George A. Draper of Co. D was mortally wounded.

The battle of Drury's Bluff, May 16, proved most disastrous to the 27th, and that through no fault of the men or their regimental commander. Ordered to an exposed position at the extreme right of the army, the regiment was not properly supported and was assaulted in front and flank by an overwhelming force of rebels. The regiment defended its position with great gallantry, but was completely surrounded by the enemy and 249 officers and enlisted men were captured. Co. D was fortunate in losing but five men as prisoners. The Amherst men captured were Lieut. J. Leander Skinner and Ezra Kelsey; the latter died of starvation in Andersonville prison. In the battle Co. D had one man killed and six wounded. James W. Spear and Charles B. Spaulding of Amherst were wounded, the former mortally.

The regiment, sadly depleted in numbers, was transferred to the Army of the Potomac, May 29, and attached to the 18th army corps under command of W. F. (better known as "Baldy") Smith. It accompanied the army to Cold Harbor, where it took part in the opening battle June 2, and in the general assault June 3. In the first day's battle the regiment lost four men killed and 14 wounded. Charles D. Mullett of Amherst was killed, Serg't Ptolemy P. Cutter mortally wounded, Sergeants E. Baxter Dickinson and Simeon E. Preston and Privates Henry E. Hawley and Henry B. Sears wounded. In the general assault on the rebel works June 3, the Star Brigade led the advance and the 27th regiment was in the first line of battle. The brigade lost more than one-half its effective strength, while the 27th lost 15 killed, 65 wounded and four prisoners. The Amherst men wounded were Sergeant E. Baxter Dickinson, Corporal Chester Dickinson, Jr., Corp'l Medad Vinton, Cornelius O'Connor and Jacob L. Rust. June 12, the regiment marched to White House landing and thence to a position near Petersburg. June 18, the 27th made a desperate assault on the enemy's lines. All the officers were killed or wounded and the men sought shelter in a grain field. Three men were killed and five wounded in Co. D. Of the Amherst men in the regiment, Levi M. Bolio was killed and James A. Preston wounded. At the close of the engagement the regiment could muster but one officer and 80 men. The surviving members of the regiment spent the summer in the trenches in front of Petersburg. During the months of June and July, William W. Latham of Amherst was killed and Cornelius O'Connor, Albert Cates and Edwin H. Potwin wounded. In "Bearing Arms," the regimental history, the author, William P. Derby of Springfield, says:

"The demands of the campaign were so exacting and incessant that none but men of iron constitution could meet them without sooner or later requiring hospital





care. As a fact, the only officers who did meet this strain were Surgeon D. B. N. Fish and Lieut. Edwin L. Peck, both of whom were always present for duty."

Aug. 25, the regiment was transferred to Point of Rocks. The terms of enlistment of many of the men expired in September, and 259 were reported for discharge, but only 179 were able to attend the column on its homeward journey. The officers and men remaining, whose terms had not expired, numbered 304. The veterans reached Springfield Sept. 28, and were accorded a grand public welcome. An address was made by the mayor of the city and there was an imposing street parade. The members of the 27th regiment captured at Drury's Bluff remained in Richmond until May 23, when they left for Andersonville, Ga., arriving there the 30th. Of the 235 members of the regiment committed to this prison, 128 died within one year, including three members of Co. D.

Sept. 19, 1864, the members of the regiment whose terms had not expired started for North Carolina. They took part in the movement against Fort Fisher. March 8, 1865, occurred the battle at Southwest Creek, in which the regiment as a fighting force was practically annihilated. Cut off from all support, fighting desperately for hours against overwhelming odds, the regiment was surrounded and captured, but seven men escaping, including Surgeon Fish. During the engagement seven men of Co. D were wounded, none from Amherst. The Amherst men among the captured were Corp'l Warren F. King, Corp'l Medad Vinton, Eli H. Johnson and Cornelius O'Connor. The prisoners were taken to Richmond, but were released on parole March 26 and arrived in Springfield April 3. The regiment was mustered out of service June 26, at New Berne.

Of Chaplain Woodworth and Surgeon Fish, brief historical sketches are given in other chapters of this volume. Capt. Timothy W. Sloan had been an officer in the state militia, and when the town decided to raise a company for the 27th regiment he was selected as its leader. He took part in the battles of Roanoke Island and New Berne, and resigned, owing to disability, Nov. 15, 1862. Capt. J. L. Skinner was clerk in M. A. & B. W. Allen's store when the war broke out. In company with three associates he raised a company in Amherst and surrounding towns. Enlisting as 1st sergeant, he was promoted successively to be 2d lieutenant, 1st lieutenant and captain. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Drury's Bluff, and confined at Macon, Ga. and Charleston and Columbia, S. C. He escaped from Columbia Nov. 4, was recaptured, and again made his escape Nov. 29.

#### THIRTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT.

When, in July, 1862, President Lincoln issued a call for 300,000 volunteers, the 34th regiment, with ranks partially filled, was in camp at



Worcester. When its organization was completed, fragments of companies remaining, from the four western counties, rendezvoused in Pittsfield where "Camp Briggs" was established in August. There the 37th regiment was recruited, its ranks being filled Sept. 4, the three years' term of service counting from that date. The officers received their commissions Aug. 27. Oliver Edwards of Springfield was commissioned colonel. The Amherst officers were: Rufus P. Lincoln, 2d lieutenant Co. C; Mason W. Tyler, 1st lieut. Co. F. The regiment broke camp Sept. 7, marching to the Boston & Albany depot at Pittsfield. The journey was made by rail to Hudson, N. Y., by boat to Jersey City, thence by rail to Washington. On arriving at the latter city the regiment was first stationed at Camp Chase in Arlington, among the reserves intended for the defence of Washington. A few days later the battle of Antietam was fought, when the reserves were ordered to the front, the 37th leaving Washington Oct. 1.

The regiment was attached to Devens' brigade of Couch's division of the 4th army corps. Its first engagement was at the battle of Fredericksburg in December. Devens' brigade was the first to cross the Rappahannock and, after the bloody repulse, covered the army on its withdrawal across the river, being the last command to cross. The regiment was not in active service during the battle, but was under fire, one member being killed. The regiment went into winter camp near Falmouth, Va.; it took part in the famous "mud march" in January, when Burnside's army attempted to cross the Rappahannock but was prevented by rain. April 28, the first movement was made in the campaign which culminated in the battle of Chancellorsville. The regiment was attached to the 6th corps, under General Sedgwick. It took part in the gallant and successful assault on Marye's Heights at Fredericksburg, May 3, and later in the day in the battle of Salem Church. In both these engagements it did valiant service, having many members killed and wounded. When the corps was forced by overwhelming numbers to retreat, Co's D and F of the 37th, acting as skirmishers, held the enemy in check. After the battle of Salem Church the regiment remained in camp until early in June, when the rebel army under Lee invaded Pennsylvania. June 14, the regiment began one of the most severe and exhausting marches that occurred during the war, ending on the battlefield of Gettysburg. Out of 600 men in the regiment only seven men were absent on roll-call at the end of the march. At Gettysburg the 6th corps had no sooner arrived on the field than it was sent to reinforce General Sickles. The regiment was on reserve duty during the battle, but was exposed at one time to a terrible artillery fire, causing a loss of six killed and 25 wounded. July 5, the 6th corps was started in pursuit of the enemy.



When in the latter part of July the disgraceful draft riots occurred in New York city, the 37th was one of four regiments sent to the city to maintain order while the draft was taking place. The regiment arrived in New York Aug. 2, and went into camp at Fort Hamilton. Aug. 19, it was stationed in the city to guard the rooms where the draft was held. It left New York Oct. 14, rejoining the Army of the Potomac near Chantilly. It took part in the fruitless expedition to Mine Run, and spent the winter of 1863-4 at "Camp Sedgwick." May 4, 1864, Gen. Grant inaugurated the famous campaign which, opening with the battle of the Wilderness, closed in the trenches before Petersburg. In the battle of the Wilderness the 37th was called upon to make an heroic charge against the entire corps of Hill and Longstreet; it checked their advance, giving time for the other troops to form. In that one charge 34 enlisted men belonging to the regiment were killed and over 100 officers and men were wounded. Capt. Rufus P. Lincoln, Corp'l Frederick R. Bell, Corp'l Charles F. Turner, James K. Sanderson and William J. Smith were wounded. The series of battles at Spottsylvania was opened by Sedgwick's corps, May 8. On the 9th, a skirmish line from the 37th was hotly engaged. In the battle of the 12th, the 37th supported Hancock's corps at the "Bloody Angle," where occurred the most desperate and deadly engagement of the campaign, if not of the entire conflict. The regiment was on duty all day and night, firing over 400 rounds of ammunition per man. Lieut. George E. Cooke was wounded mortally and Capt. Lincoln seriously. Other Amherst troops wounded were William Fahay and John A. Glazier. May 18, the 37th took part in another assault upon the rebel lines at Spottsylvania losing two men killed and 19 wounded. In the assault on Cold Harbor, the 37th did not take part in the charge being in supporting line; one man was killed and several wounded in the regiment. For several days after the battle the regiment was employed in skirmish and picket duty.

July 9, the 6th corps was summoned to Washington, then threatened by the rebel troops under General Early. It took part in the battle of Fort Stevens, among the wounded in that engagement being John Sandling of Amherst. July 14, the regiment started with General Sherman's command in pursuit of Early, serving as wagon-guard. It was engaged in the battle of Charlestown, having five men killed and 12 wounded. Of the Amherst men in the regiment, Joseph K. Taylor and John Beston, Jr. were wounded, the former mortally. The regiment took a prominent part in the battle of Winchester, Sept. 19. During the battle it distinguished itself in many ways, capturing the greater part of "Stonewall" Jackson's old brigade. Entering on the battle with 296 men, it lost 15 men killed and seven officers and 72 men wounded. Capt. Mason W. Tyler was





wounded in the neck. Other Amherst soldiers wounded were John A. Leggett and Timothy Spellman.

Dec. 12, the regiment was ordered to proceed to the trenches in front of Petersburg. It was engaged in the battle of Five Forks, and on the surrender of Petersburg was stationed in the city to preserve order. While leading a charge at the battle of Sailor's Creek, it penetrated the enemy's lines so far that it became isolated and was compelled to defend itself against greatly superior numbers. In this engagement the 37th captured over 300 prisoners, a greater number of men than it took into the battle. Its losses were nine killed and 31 wounded. The regiment was mustered out of service June 21, 1865. Returning home, Springfield was reached June 24, where the veterans were greeted with a public ovation.

## FIFTY-SECOND REGIMENT.

Under the call issued in August, 1862, for 300,000 volunteers to serve nine months, Massachusetts was required to furnish 19,090 men. To Hampshire and Franklin counties was allotted the task of raising one regiment. War meetings were held in every town and village in the two counties to arouse enthusiasm and promote enlistments. Sept. 13, "Camp Miller" was established at Greenfield. The ranks of the companies in the regiment were rapidly filled. To the Amherst company was assigned the company letter G. H. S. Greenleaf of Shelburne Falls was commissioned colonel and Samuel J. Storrs of Amherst lieutenant-colonel. The officers of company G were: Captain, George L. Bliss of Northampton; 1st lieutenant, Justin P. Kellogg of Amherst; 2d lieutenant, Asa A. Spear of Amherst. Co. G mustered 86 men, of whom 42 were credited to Amherst, 24 to Sunderland, 11 to Pelham, two to Leverett, two to Montague, one each to Shutesbury, Wendell, Conway, Bernardston and Northampton. The regiment left Greenfield Nov. 20, traveling by rail and boat to New York city, from which place they embarked, Nov. 25, on the steamer "Illinois," bound for Louisiana where they were to take part in the expedition commanded by Gen. N. P. Banks. Sailing from New York Dec. 2, they arrived at Ship Island Dec. 11, reaching Baton Rouge Dec. 17, where they went into camp. Many members of the regiment were on the sick list owing to their confinement on shipboard. The regiment was assigned to the 2d brigade, Grover's division of the 19th army corps.

Jan. 3, 1863, four companies of the regiment, including Co. G, were sent to Plaquemine, twenty miles down the river, where a rebel attack had been made; they remained there until Feb. 8. March 13, the regiment marched to a position near Port Hudson, remaining there until the 16th and then returning. March 27, the brigade sailed down the river to Donaldsville, marched from there to Terre Bonne, were carried by rail to



Bayou Boeuf and marched from thence to Brashear City. The brigade remained at Brashear City till April 11, then sailed to Irish Bend to take part in the attack on Fort Bisland. At the battle of Irish Bend the brigade was held in reserve, but the troops came under fire, among the wounded being John White of Amherst. The rebels escaping from Fort Bisland made their way up the Bayou Teche, closely pursued by the Union forces. Four companies of the 52d, including Co. G, were stationed at New Iberia, remaining there until May 13 and rejoining the regiment May 19. In the assault on Port Hudson, June 14, the 52d served in the skirmish line of a flanking column. In this engagement Martin S. Johnson was killed and George P. Spear wounded. The regiment assisted in the siege of Port Hudson until its surrender, July 9. The homeward journey was made by boat to Cairo, Ill. and thence by rail to Massachusetts. The Amherst men reached their homes Aug. 3. The regiment was mustered out Aug. 14.

#### TENTH REGIMENT.

Of the six regiments of three years' volunteers, allotted to Massachusetts by instructions to Governor Andrew from the war department at Washington, dated May 16, 1861, but one, the 10th, was raised in the four western counties. The nucleus for the 10th regiment of Massachusetts volunteers was found in the old 10th regiment of state militia. Some of the old companies were disbanded, new ones taking their place. The companies assembled at Springfield June 14, the men being mustered into the United States service June 21. The regiment left Springfield July 16 for Medford, where it went into camp. July 25, the regiment embarked at Boston for Washington. The winter was spent in camp at Brightwood, near Washington. The regiment took part in the battle of Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862, and sustained heavy losses, 27 being killed and 95 wounded, six mortally. Of the Amherst members of the regiment, Serg't George L. Putnam was killed and Ebenezer M. Johnson wounded. At the battle of Malvern Hill, July 1, the regiment sustained a loss of eight killed and 73 wounded. The regiment was present at the battle of Antietam, but not in active service. It took part in the battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, but sustained no losses. In the battle of Salem Church, May 3, 1863, the regiment took a prominent part, sustaining a loss of 10 killed and 56 wounded. Among those mortally wounded was Josiah Thayer of Amherst. At the battle of Gettysburg, July 2 and 3, the regiment was held in reserve. It took part in the battle at Rappahannock Station, Nov. 7.

In the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, the 10th was hotly engaged and sustained a loss of 18 killed and 93 wounded. The regiment was in the hardest of the fighting at Spottsylvania, May 12, being engaged in active service for 23 hours and firing an average of 300 rounds of



ammunition for each man. The losses of the regiment in this engagement were 11 killed and 41 wounded; among the wounded was Corp'l Nelson O. Ball of Amherst. The regiment took part in the battle of Spottsylvania Court House, May 18, and in the battle of Cold Harbor, June 3. Its losses in the latter engagements were one killed and four wounded. The regiment left the front on its homeward trip June 21, arriving in Springfield June 25, where it was granted a public reception.

## TWENTY-FIRST REGIMENT.

The 21st regiment was recruited at Camp Lincoln, Worcester, in July and August, 1861; it was mustered in Aug. 16. Leaving Worcester by rail Aug. 23, it took boat at New London and proceeded to Jersey City, traveling thence by rail to Washington. It was stationed for some months at Annapolis Junction, Md., and Jan. 6, 1862, embarked as a part of the expedition under General Burnside. In the battle of Roanoke Island, Feb. 7, 1862, the regiment lost 13 men killed and mortally wounded and 44 wounded. In the battle of New Berne, March 14, 23 were killed or mortally wounded and 44 wounded. 1st Lieut. Frazar A. Stearns of Co. I was killed while leading his company in a charge. Austin Barton of Amherst was mortally wounded. At the battle of Camden, N. C., April 19, the regiment lost four killed and eleven wounded. At the battle of Second Manassas, Aug. 29, 1862, seven members of the regiment were wounded. The regiment was hotly engaged at the battle of Chantilly, Sept. 1 and 2, losing 38 men killed or mortally wounded and 76 wounded. Of the Amherst men in the regiment, George W. Scott was killed, Henry F. Douglass wounded and William H. White captured. At the battle of South Mountain, Sept. 14, five members of the regiment were wounded. At the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, 10 were killed and 35 wounded. At the battle of Frédericksburg, Dec. 13, 13 were killed and 52 wounded. The regiment took part in the assault on Marye's Heights. Among the wounded was Lewis R. Haskell of Amherst. In October, November and December of 1861, the regiment took part in the campaign in East Tennessee, being present at the battles of Blue Springs and Campbell's Station and at the siege of Knoxville; the losses in this campaign were four killed and 11 wounded.

Returning to the Army of the Potomac in the spring of 1864, the regiment was engaged in all the battles of that army during the spring and summer months. In the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, it lost three men killed and seven wounded. In the engagements at Spottsylvania, May 10, 12 and 18, its losses were five killed and 32 wounded. At Cold Harbor, June 2, 13 were killed and 21 wounded. In the assault on Petersburg, June 16 and 17, six were killed and 27 wounded. In the



battle of the mine or "crater," July 30, seven were killed and 14 wounded. During the siege of Petersburg, from June 18 to Aug. 18, three were killed and 14 wounded. Corp'l Richard B. Loomis of Amherst was severely wounded Aug. 8. In the battle of Weldon Railroad, Aug. 19, three were killed and four wounded. In the engagement at Poplar Spring Church, Sept. 30, four were killed and 10 wounded. In October, 1864, the regiment, greatly depleted in numbers, was consolidated with the 36th Mass. regiment, as Co's H, I and K. In June, 1865, another transfer of the survivors of the 21st was made, this time to the 56th Mass. regiment, with which organization they were mustered out, July 12, 1865.

#### FIFTY-FOURTH REGIMENT.

The 54th was the first regiment of colored troops to be raised in Massachusetts, the war department having granted permission to raise such a regiment, Jan. 26, 1863. The regiment was recruited at Readville, and the men were enlisted for three years' service. The regiment embarked at Boston, May 28, for South Carolina. Its first engagement was at James Island. July 18, the regiment led the assault on Fort Wagner, behaving with conspicuous gallantry. The losses were three officers and nine men killed, 11 officers and 147 men wounded. This was one of the most important engagements of the war, demonstrating, as it did beyond question, that the colored men would fight bravely for their country if given opportunity. The regiment assisted in the siege of Fort Wagner and took part in the bombardment of Charleston. Other engagements in which the regiment took part were the battles of Olustee and Morris Island, the attack on James Island, the siege of Charleston, the battle of Honey Hill, the operations about Pocotaligo, Charlestown and Savannah, and Potter's raid. Of the Amherst members of the regiment, Jason Champlin was killed at the battle of Olustee and Charles A. Finnemore was wounded in the same engagement.





## CHAPTER LVII.

SERVICE RECORD, BY REGIMENTS, OF EACH MAN WHO SERVED ON AMHERST'S QUOTA, AND OTHERS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE MARBLE TABLETS IN THE TOWN HALL.

In succeeding pages, a brief sketch is given of the service of each man who served on Amherst's quota during the war. These sketches are compiled from the "Rebellion Record" of the town of Amherst, from regimental histories and from the records of the adjutant-general of the Commonwealth. They are as complete as space will permit and as accurate as care and effort can make them. Where there has appeared a conflict of authorities, preference has been given to that which has appeared most uniformly correct.

[In the following record of individual service, the date at the left of each man's name is that of muster. Following the name is the place of birth, the company in which service was performed and the date when service terminated. In the smaller type below each name is given a list of promotions, if above the rank of private, lists of battles engaged in, records of wounds and imprisonment, and cause for termination of service.]

## TWENTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT.

- Jan. 5, 1863. Dyer B. N. Fish, Amherst, June 26, 1865.  
Assistant surgeon; com. surgeon Sept. 20, '64. Siege of Little Washington, N. C.; battles of Gum Swamp, N. C., Cold Harbor, Va., Swift Creek, N. C.; siege of Petersburg, Va. Term exp.
- April 21, 1862. Charles L. Woodworth, Somers, Conn., June 20, 1864.  
Chaplain. Resigned.
- Oct. 3, 1861. Ami R. Dennison, Wilton, Me., Co. D. Nov., 1864.  
Com. 1st lieutenant, Oct. 16, '61; capt., Nov. 16, '62; maj., 2d U. S. colored cav.  
Participated in all the battles of the 27th reg't while with that command.
- Sept. 20, 1861. J. Leander Skinner, Jamaica, Vt., Co. D. Dec. 31, 1864.  
Com. 1st sergeant, Sept. 20, 1861; 2d lieutenant, July 1, '62; 1st lieutenant, May 29, '63; capt., Sept. 29, '64. Captured at Drury's Bluff, May 16, '64; imprisoned at Macon, Ga. and Charleston and Columbia, S. C. Escaped from Columbia, Nov. 4, '64, was recaptured and again escaped. Mustered out by special order war department.
- Oct. 16, 1861. Timothy W. Sloan, Prescott, Co. D. Nov. 15, 1862.  
Com. captain, Oct. 16, '61. Battles of Roanoke Island and New Berne, N. C. Resigned on account of sickness.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Ptolemy P. Cutter, Amherst, Co. D. June 5, 1864.  
Corporal, Sept. 11, '62; sergeant, '64. Was in all the battles of the regiment, including that of Cold Harbor, Va., June 1, '64, when he was mortally wounded, dying June 5.



- Sept. 20, 1861. E. Baxter Dickinson, Amherst, Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Serg't, July, '62. Wounded slightly at Cold Harbor, Va., June 2, '64;  
wounded twice in head, severely, June 3, '64, at Cold Harbor. Term exp.
- Sept. 20, 1862, Simeon E. Preston, Granby, Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Corp'l, Feb. 25, '63; serg't. Wounded June 2, '64, Cold Harbor, Va.  
Term exp.
- Oct. 14, 1861. Henry B. Prince, Amherst, Co. D. March 23, 1863.  
Corp'l, serg't. Resigned owing to disability from sickness.
- Oct. 16, 1861. J. Franklin Simonds, Co. I. Oct. 16, 1864.  
Serg't. Term exp.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Charles L. Storrs, Holliston, Co. D. Aug. 22, 1865.  
Serg't, Sept. 20, '61; 1st serg't, July 1, '62. Re-enlisted, Nov. 25, '63. Com.  
capt. 32d U. S. colored troops, March 1, '64. Took part in all battles of  
27th reg't while with that command. Mustered out Aug. 22, '65.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Chester Dickinson, Jr., Amherst, Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Corp'l. Wounded at Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, '64. Term exp.
- Sept. 18, 1861. Edmund Boltwood, Amherst, Co. D. Feb. 6, 1866.  
Corp'l; serg't, July 11, '62. Wounded in battle of Wise Forks, N. C.,  
April 28, '63. Re-enlisted, Dec. 7, '63. Com. 2d lieut. 1st U. S. colored  
cav., Feb., '64. Discharged.
- Sept. 20, 1861. George M. Hobart, Amherst, Co. D. Sept. 10, 1862.  
Corp'l. Discharged for disability from sickness.
- Dec. 30, 1863. Warren F. King, Shutesbury, Co. D. June 19, 1865.  
Corp'l. Captured March 8, '65, at South-west Creek, N. C., and impris-  
oned. Term exp.
- Oct. 19, 1861. Freeman E. Nutting, Co. G. June 26, 1865.  
Corp'l. Wounded. Re-enlisted, Dec. 24, '63. Term exp.
- Sept. 20, 1861. John D. Parsons, Willington, Conn., Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Corp'l, Nov., '61. Term exp.
- Oct. 1, 1861. John Shoals, Boston, Co. C. Sept. 4, 1865.  
Corp'l. Re-enlisted Dec. 24, '63. Captured and imprisoned. Wounded  
May 9, '64, at Arrowfield Church, Va., and again, March 8, '65, at battle  
of Kinston, N. C. Discharged for disability.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Linneus C. Skinner, Jamaica, Vt., Co. D. June 16, 1865.  
Corp'l. Principal musician, Nov. 21, '64. Captured at South-west Creek.  
N. C., March 8, '65. Term exp.
- Sept. 20, 1861. George W. Sloan, Prescott, Co. D. July 2, 1865.  
Corp'l. Discharged for disability, Sept. 30, '62. Re-enlisted, '64. Died  
at New Berne, N. C.
- Sept. 23, 1861. Medad Vinton, Co. D. June 26, 1865.  
Corp'l. Re-enlisted, Nov., '63. Wounded June 3, '64, at Cold Harbor.  
Va. Captured at South-west Creek, N. C., March 8, '65. Term exp.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Asahel Baker, Canada, Co. D. Feb. 19, 1865.  
Discharged for disability.



- Sept. 20, 1861. Charles K. Baker, Amherst, Co. D. April 7, 1862.  
Mortally wounded at battle of New Berne, N. C., March 14, '62. Died in  
Amherst, April 7.
- Oct. 16, 1861. Ezra Baker, Canada, Co. D. Nov. 1, 1864.  
Wounded. Term exp.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Henry J. Bardwell, Troy, N. Y., Co. D. Oct. 6, 1864.  
Served with signal corps. In '63 was transferred to army of the Ohio.  
Term exp.
- Sept. 5, 1862. Ashley W. Barrows, Mansfield, Conn., Co. G. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Captured April 20, '64, and imprisoned at Andersonville, Ga., from whence  
he escaped and made his way to the Union lines at Pensacola, Fla.  
Term exp.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Charles H. Barton, Leverett, Co. D. July 30, 1865.  
Wounded in battle of New Berne, N. C., March 14, '62; discharged July  
29, '62, from disability. Re-enlisted, April 6, '64, in Co. G, 57th reg't.  
Wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, Va. Term exp.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Charles C. Bolio, Canada, Co. D. Feb. 5, 1862.  
Discharged for disability caused by sickness.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Levi M. Bolio, Kirby, Vt., Co. D. June 18, 1864.  
Re-enlisted, Dec., '63. Killed in battle near Petersburg, Va.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Frank E. Bolster, Shutesbury, Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Term exp.
- Oct. 28, 1861. James Bowman, Montague, Co. D. Nov. 1, 1864.  
Wounded at battle of New Berne, N. C., March 14, '62. Term exp.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Albert Cates, Salem, Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Was in twelve battles besides skirmishes. Wounded. Term exp.
- Oct. 21, 1861. Barton E. Crossman, Shutesbury, Co. D. June 17, 1863.  
Discharged for disability caused by sickness.
- Sept. 20, 1861. John E. Cushman, Amherst, Co. D. July 29, 1862.  
Wounded and lost one arm at battle of New Berne, N. C., March 14, '62.  
Discharged for disability.
- Oct. 20, 1861. Thomas Devine, Co. E. July 14, 1865.  
Re-enlisted. Order War Department.
- July 28, 1862. Eli O. Dickinson, Co. C. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Term exp.
- July 17, 1862. Willard R. Dickinson, Amherst, Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Term exp.
- Aug. 6, 1862. George A. Draper, Belchertown, Co. D. July 23, 1864.  
Mortally wounded, May 6, '64, near Petersburg, Va., and died July 23.
- Aug. 11, 1862. Levi Edson, Ashfield, Co. D. June 3, 1864.  
Killed in battle of Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, '64.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Joseph Grover, Boston, Co. D. Nov. 3, 1862.  
Died from congestive chills, at Newport, N. C., Nov. 3, '62.





- July 28, 1862. Henry B. Hastings, Amherst, Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Term exp.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Willard D. Hastings, Amherst, Co. F. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Was engaged in twelve battles and many skirmishes from Roanoke Island  
to Petersburg, Va. Term exp.
- July 30, 1862. James F. Hawes, Co. D. Aug. 14, 1863.  
Transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Henry E. Hawley, Amherst, Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Wounded at Cold Harbor, Va., June 2, '64. Term exp.
- Jan. 9, 1864. Eugene P. Hervey, Shutesbury, Co. D. July 12, 1864.  
Wounded May 9, '64, at Arrowfield Church, Va. Died at Point Lookout,  
Md., July 12, '64.
- June 17, 1862. Dwight N. Hill, Amherst, Co. F. Aug. 14, 1863.  
Transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps.
- Sept. 17, 1861. William J. Hopkins, Baltimore, Md., Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Wounded at Arrowfield Church, Va., May 9, '64, right eye being destroyed.  
Term exp.
- Oct. 13, 1861. Eli H. Johnson, Amherst, Co. D. June 15, 1865.  
Re-enlisted March 29, '64. Captured at South-west Creek, N. C., March  
8, '65. Discharged by order of War Department.
- Oct. 21, 1861. James B. Kellogg, Co. D. June 24, 1863.  
Discharged owing to disability from sickness.
- Jan. 2, 1864. Ezra Kelsey, Brattleboro, Vt., Co. D. Aug. 20, 1864.  
Taken prisoner at Drury's Bluff, Va., May 16, '64, and died from starva-  
tion at Andersonville, Ga., Aug. 20, '64.
- Aug. 21, 1862. William W. Latham, Ludlow, Co. D. July 24, 1864.  
Re-enlisted, March 30, '64. Killed in battle near Petersburg, Va., July 24, '64.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Wheaton Lovett, Cumberland, R. I., Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Was engaged in all the battles of the regiment from Roanoke Island to  
Petersburg. Term exp.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Edward W. Manley, Pelham, Co. D. Jan. 30, 1863.  
Discharged owing to disability from sickness and died in hospital at Wash-  
ington, N. C., Feb. 21, '63.
- Dec. 30, 1863. Charles D. Mullett, Barre, Co. D. June 2, 1864.  
Killed in battle of Cold Harbor, Va., June 2, '64.
- Jan. 4, 1864. Cornelius O'Connor, Ireland, Co. D. June 15, 1865.  
Wounded at Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, '64. Captured at South-west Creek,  
N. C., March 8, '65. Discharged by order of War Dep't.
- Oct. 11, 1861. Henry C. Packard, Amherst, Co. D. Aug. 8, 1862.  
Discharged owing to disability from sickness.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Edwin H. Potwin, Amherst, Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Wounded. In all but three battles of reg't until Sept., '64. Term exp.



- Sept. 20, 1861. James A. Preston, Shutesbury, Co. D. Jan. 20, 1865.  
Re-enlisted, Nov. 23, '63. Wounded in battle before Petersburg, Va., June 18, '64. Discharged owing to disability from wounds.
- Dec. 19, 1863. Dwight Russell, Sunderland, Co. C. June 26, 1865.  
Wounded, July, '64. Re-enlisted in 23d N. Y. Independent Battery.  
Term exp.
- Oct. 21, 1861. Jacob L. Rust, Amherst, Co. D. Oct. 21, 1864.  
Wounded at Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, '64. Term exp.
- Oct. 1, 1861. Michael Salois, Canada, Co. C. Oct. 5, 1864.  
Term exp.
- Dec. 29, 1863. Arthur Sears, Amherst, Co. D. June 23, 1864.  
Died in Amherst while on a furlough granted on account of sickness.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Henry B. Sears, Prescott, Co. D. Feb. 17, 1865.  
Re-enlisted, Dec. 23, '63. Severely wounded at battle of Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, '64. Transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Lyman W. Skinner, Brookfield, Co. D. June 1, 1862.  
Died of fever at New Berne, N. C.
- June 12, 1862. George E. Slate, Co. C. Aug. 1, 1863.  
Discharged owing to disability.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Charles B. Spaulding, Rutland, Vt., Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Wounded at Wise Forks, April 28, '63, and at battle of Drury's Bluff, May 15, '64. Term exp.
- Jan. 14, 1864. James W. Spear, Shutesbury, Co. D. July 6, 1864.  
Wounded in battle near Drury's Bluff, May 14, '64, had left leg amputated.  
Died at Point Lookout, Md., July 6, '64.
- Sept. 20, 1861. John Stearns, Ashby, Co. D. March 31, 1864.  
Transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps.
- July 28, 1862. Lyman R. Thayer, Hadley, Co. G. Feb. 8, 1863.  
Discharged owing to disability.
- July 28, 1862. George H. Tufts, Westhampton, Co. A. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Term exp.
- Sept. 20, 1861. Solomon H. Williams, Amherst, Co. D. Sept. 27, 1864.  
Wounded at battle of New Berne, N. C., March 14, '62. Term exp.

## THIRTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT.

- Aug. 27, 1862. Rufus P. Lincoln, Belchertown, Co. C. July 29, 1865.  
Capt., Oct. 15, '62; maj., July 27, '64; lieut. col., March 4, '66; col., May 19, '65. Took part in battles of Fredericksburg, Marye's Heights, Salem Church, Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cedar Creek, Hatcher's Run, assault on Petersburg and Sailor's Creek, besides many skirmishes. Wounded in battle of Wilderness, May 6, '64, and severely at Spottsylvania, May 12, '64. June 19, '65, transferred to and assumed command of the 20th Mass reg't. Mustered out.



- Aug. 13, 1862, Mason W. Tyler, Amherst, Co. F. June 21, 1865.  
 Capt., Jan. 17, '63; maj., March 4, '65; lieut. col., May 19, '65; col.,  
 June 26, '65. Took part in battles of Fredericksburg, Salem Church,  
 Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsyl-  
 vania, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Fort Stevens, Winchester,  
 and many skirmishes. Wounded at battle of Winchester, Sept. 19, '64,  
 and wounded twice in skirmish at Fort Fisher, March 25, '65. June 21,  
 '65, transferred to 20th Mass. reg't and mustered out as supernumerary.  
 Com. col. 37th reg't, June 26, '64.
- Aug. 30, 1862. George E. Cooke, Amherst, Co. F. May 16, 1864.  
 Lieut., Dec. 25, '63. Wounded in battle of Spottsylvania, May 12, '64.  
 Died in hospital at Fredericksburg, May 16.
- Aug. 30, 1862. John Beston, Jr., Ireland, Co. F. June 21, 1865.  
 Serg't, May 6, '64. In all but one battle of the reg't. Wounded three  
 times in battle at Charlestown, Va., Aug. 21, '64. Term exp.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Joseph K. Taylor, Granby, Co. F. Aug. 30, 1864.  
 Serg't. Mortally wounded in battle at Charlestown, Va., Aug. 21, '64.  
 Died Aug. 30.
- Sept. 2, 1862. Frederick R. Bell, New York city, Co. A. June 21, 1865.  
 Corp'l, '64. Wounded in battle of Wilderness, May 6, '64, and again in  
 assault on Petersburg, April 2, '65. Term exp.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Willard S. Cooke, Granby, Co. F. June 21, 1865.  
 Corp'l. Term exp.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Francis W. Fish, Pelham, Co. F. June 21, 1865.  
 Corp'l. Term exp.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Charles F. Turner, Worcester, Co. F. June 21, 1865.  
 Corp'l. Took part in sixteen battles. Wounded in battle of the Wilder-  
 ness. Term exp.
- July 2, 1864. Dennis Beston, Ireland, Co. F. June 21, 1865.  
 Term exp.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Patrick Beston, Ireland, Co. F. May 16, 1865.  
 Wounded in battle at Charlestown, Va., Aug. 21, '64. Discharged on  
 account of disability.
- July 26, 1864. John Connors, Ireland, Co. D. June 21, 1865.  
 Term exp.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Levi P. Dickinson, Hadley, Co. F. June 17, 1864.  
 Discharged owing to disability caused by sickness.
- Aug. 30, 1862. William Fahay, Ireland, Co. F. June 21, 1865.  
 Took part in 17 battles besides many skirmishes. Wounded in battle of  
 Spottsylvania, May 12, '64. Term exp.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Benj. R. Franklin, Phoenix, N. Y., Co. F. June 21, 1865.  
 Took part in 15 battles. Term exp.
- Aug. 30, 1862. John A. Glazier, Leverett, Co. F. May 17, 1865.  
 Wounded in skirmish near Spottsylvania, May 21, '64. Discharged owing  
 to disability.



- Aug. 30, 1862. William O. Graves, Hatfield, Co. F. June 21, 1865.  
Term exp.
- Sept. 2, 1862. Charles S. Gunn, Leverett, Co. F. June 21, 1865.  
Term exp.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Albert H. Kellogg, Montague, Co. F. June 21, 1865.  
Musician. Took part in all battles of the reg't. Term exp.
- Aug. 30, 1862. John A. Leggett, West Haven, Conn., Co. F. June 18, 1865.  
In all the battles of the reg't up to and including battle of Winchester,  
Sept. 19, '64. Wounded in battle of Winchester. Transferred to Vet-  
eran Reserve Corps.
- Aug. 30, 1862. William F. Leggett, W. Haven, Ct., Co. F. April 6, 1865.  
Killed in battle at Sailor's Creek.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Charles E. Munsell, Co. F. Feb. 22, 1863.  
Discharged.
- Aug. 30, 1862. James K. Sanderson, Amherst, Co. F. May 12, 1864.  
Wounded in battle of the Wilderness, May 5, '64, had one leg amputated  
and died in hospital May 12.
- Nov. 10, 1863. John Sandling, Boston, Co. H. May 16, 1865.  
Wounded in battle at Fort Stevens, July 12, '64. Discharged owing to  
disability.
- Aug. 30, 1862. William J. Smith, Montague, Co. F. June 21, 1865.  
Wounded in battle of the Wilderness, May 5, '64, and again May 6.  
Term exp.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Timothy Spellman, Ireland, Co. F. Jan. 17, 1865.  
Wounded at battle of Winchester, Sept. 19, '64. Discharged on account  
of disability.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Ethan A. Taft, Montague, Co. F. Feb. 3, 1863.  
Died in Virginia, from disease.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Samuel M. Thayer, North Hadley, Co. F. March 30, 1863.  
Discharged owing to disability caused by sickness.

## FIFTY-SECOND REGIMENT.

- Sept. 17, 1862. Samuel J. Storrs, Holliston, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
Capt., lieutenant-col., Oct. 13, '62. Term exp.
- Sept. 1, 1862. Justin P. Kellogg, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
2d lieutenant, Sept. 12, '62; 1st lieutenant, Oct. 28, '62. Term exp.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Asa A. Spear, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
2d lieutenant. After assault on Port Hudson, when Capt. Bliss was killed and  
Lieut. Kellogg sick in hospital, he commanded company until mustered  
out of service.
- Aug. 26, 1862. James A. Baker, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
Corporal; sergeant, June 11, '63. In battles of Brashear City, Franklin, Irish  
Bend and siege of Port Hudson.





- Aug. 26, 1862. Cephas W. Gunn, Montague, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
Serg't. Took part in siege of Port Hudson.
- Oct. 11, 1862. George E. Howes, Austerlitz, N. Y., Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
Serg't.
- Aug. 30, 1862. William L. Bliss, Maysville, Va., Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
Corp'l. Took part in all the battles of the reg't.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Watson W. Cowles, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
Corp'l.
- Aug. 25, 1862. Silas O. Johnson, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
Corp'l. At siege of Port Hudson.
- Aug. 27, 1862. Lewis A. Bartlett, Shutesbury, Co. G. May 25, 1863.  
Discharged on account of disability from sickness at Baton Rouge, La.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Milo A. Bartlett, Granby, Co. G. July 15, 1863.  
Died of diphtheria at Port Hudson, La.
- Oct. 11, 1862. George H. Barton, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.
- Sept. 8, 1862. George H. Bell, New York City, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
In all the battles of the reg't.
- Aug. 13, 1892. Truman Bowman, Montague, Co. F. Sept. 9, 1863.  
In all the battles of the reg't.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Charles Clapp, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.
- Aug. 25, 1862. Amariah Dickinson, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
In all the battles of the reg't.
- Aug. 30, 1862. George Dickinson, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
In all the battles of the reg't. Died March 22, 1864, of disease contracted while in the army.
- Aug. 27, 1862. John W. Dickinson, Amherst, Co. G. June 18, 1863.  
Died from typhoid fever, in hospital at New Orleans, La.
- Aug. 27, 1862. William B. Fales, Pelham, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
In battles of Oak Ridge and Irish Bend and siege of Port Hudson.
- Sept. 15, 1862. Horace Haling, Portland, Conn., Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.
- Aug. 30, 1862. James Hardaker, England, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
At siege of Port Hudson, La.
- Aug. —, 1862. Joseph C. Hastings, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
Cook. In battle of Irish Bend and siege of Port Hudson.
- Aug. 25, 1862. Charles E. Hayward, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.
- Sept. 1, 1862. Freeman L. Holden, Hawley, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.
- Aug. 25, 1862. Charles O. Howes, Austerlitz, N. Y., Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
In battle of Irish Bend and at siege of Port Hudson.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Henry Hubbard, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.
- Nov. 12, 1862. Dwight H. Johnson, Amherst, Co. C. Aug. 14, 1863.  
In battle of Franklin and siege of Port Hudson.



- Aug. 25, 1862. William F. Johnson, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
At siege of Port Hudson.
- Aug. 20, 1862. Benjamin F. Kellogg, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
At siege of Port Hudson.
- Aug. 25, 1862. Michael Maloney, Ireland, Co. C. Aug. 14, 1863.  
In all battles of reg't and at siege of Port Hudson.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Edward O'Callahan, Ireland, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
In battle of Irish Bend and at siege of Port Hudson.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Jeremiah O'Callahan, Ireland, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
In all battles of reg't and at siege of Port Hudson.
- Aug. 25, 1862. Patrick F. O'Toole, Ireland, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.
- Sept. 1, 1862. Albert Roberts, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.
- Aug. 25, 1862. George H. Roberts, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
At siege of Port Hudson.
- Aug. 27, 1862. Norman Roberts, Amherst, Co. G. Jan. 12, 1863.  
Died of typhoid fever in hospital at Baton Rouge, La.
- Aug. 25, 1862. Edward M. Rolph, Westminster, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.
- Aug. 27, 1862. Charles C. Smith, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
Died in Amherst, Sept. 6, '63, of disease contracted in army.
- Aug. 24, 1862. George P. Spear, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
In all the battles of the reg't. Wounded, June 14, '63, in assault on Port Hudson.
- Aug. 27, 1862. James H. Wheelock, Burrillville, R. I., Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.
- Sept. 1, 1862. John P. W. Wheelock, Amherst, Co. G. Aug. 4, 1863.  
Died in hospital at Mound City, Ill.
- Aug. 27, 1862. John White, New York City, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.  
Wounded in battle of Irish Bend, April 14, '63.
- Sept. 1, 1862. Robert Wilson, Scotland, Co. G. June 14, 1863.  
Died in hospital at New Orleans, La.
- Aug. 30, 1862. Perez R. Brown, Co. G. Aug. 14, 1863.

## SECOND REGIMENT.

- May 25, 1861. Charles F. Kellogg, Amherst, Co. H. July 20, 1865.  
Discharged Feb. 14, '63, for disability. Mustered into Co. C, 57th Mass. reg't, Jan. 10, 1864, with rank as serg't. Wounded at battle of the Wilderness in May, '64. Disability.

## NINTH REGIMENT.

- July 14, 1863. Spencer Church, Jr., Amherst, Co. I. June 29, 1865.  
Wounded in '64. Trans. June 10, '64, to 32d Mass. reg't, Co. H. Died in Amherst, Oct. 27, '65, from disease contracted in service.



Aug. 18, 1863. Henry Coy, Amherst, Co. I. May 22, 1865.  
Wounded in battle of Wilderness, May 5, '64. Trans. June 10, '64, to 32d  
Mass. reg't, Co. H. Discharged by order of War Dep't.

## TENTH REGIMENT.

June 21, 1861. Joseph F. Bartlett, Ware, Co. H. July 16, 1865.  
Corp'l, Nov. 1, '62; serg't, May 1, '63; 2d lieut., May 24, '65; 1st lieut.,  
June 1, '65. Re-enlisted, Dec. 20, '63. Wounded in battle of the Wilder-  
ness, May 5, '64. Trans. June 20, '64, to 37th Mass. reg't, Co. I. Trans.  
June 20, '65, to 20th Mass. reg't.

June 21, 1861. Nelson O. Ball, Amherst, Co. C. July 16, 1865.  
Promoted on the field as corp'l for bravery at battle of Fredericksburg,  
Dec. 14, '62; was wounded in the battle. Re-enlisted, Dec. 21, '63.  
Wounded at battle of Spottsylvania, May 12, '64. Trans. June 21, '64,  
to 37th Mass. reg't, Co. F. Trans. Feb. 2, '65, to Veteran Reserve Corps.  
Afterwards attached to 20th Mass. reg't, Co. K.

June 21, 1861. John D. Ball, Montague, Co. E. July 16, 1865.  
Appointed hospital steward. Re-enlisted, Dec. 20, '63. Trans. to 37th  
Mass. reg't, Co. K, June 19, '64. Trans. June 21, '65, to 20th Mass. reg't,  
Co. K.

June 21, 1861. Austin S. Cook, Amherst, Co. I. 1865.  
Discharged Nov. 11, '62, to enlist in Battery G, U. S. artillery.

June 21, 1861. Benjamin O. Cook, Pelham, Co. G. Feb. 18, 1862.  
Discharged on account of disability.

June 21, 1861. Charles Dunakin, South Hadley, Co. C. Dec. 26, 1865.  
Was in nearly every battle of the reg't for three years. Re-enlisted, Dec.  
26, '64, in Hancock's special corps, 2d company.

June 21, 1861. Ebenezer M. Johnson, Amherst, Co. C. July 16, 1865.  
Wounded in battle of Fair Oaks, Va., June 1, '62. Re-enlisted, Jan. 20,  
'64, in 37th Mass. reg't, Co. F. Transferred June 21, '65, to 20th Mass.  
reg't, Co. K.

June 21, 1861. Murray B. Lovett, Amherst, Co. K. June 4, 1862.  
Died in hospital at Fair Oaks, Va.

June 21, 1861. George L. Putnam, Palmer, Co. C. May 31, 1862.  
Killed in battle of Fair Oaks, Va.

June 21, 1861. Edward H. Stanley, Amherst, Co. C. July 27, 1862.  
Took part in battles of Fair Oaks and Malvern Hill, Va. in '62. Died of  
typhoid fever in a field hospital near Harrison's Landing, Va.

June 21, 1861. Josiah Thayer, Belchertown, Co. C. May 25, 1863.  
Wounded at battle of Salem Heights, May 4, '63, and died in hospital at  
Washington.

## ELEVENTH REGIMENT.

Sept. 12, 1864. Stephen R. Westcott. Oct. 27, 1864.  
Discharged owing to disability.





FIFTEENTH REGIMENT.

- July 12, 1861. Henry C. Ball, Sunderland, Co. F. July 3, 1863.  
Serg't, Aug. 1, '61; 1st reg't, Jan. 8, '63. Took part in the battles of Ball's Bluff, Fair Oaks, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg. Was wounded at the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, '62, and killed at the battle of Gettysburg, July 2, '63, while gallantly leading his men.
- Aug. 3, 1863. Edward Bartlett, Co. A. July 16, 1865.  
Transferred July 27, '64 to 20th Mass. reg't, Co. E.
- July 12, 1861. Francis H. Dickinson, Belchertown, Co. F. Oct. 21, 1861.  
Killed at battle of Ball's Bluff, Oct. 21, both legs being shot away.
- Feb. 7, 1862. Edward W. Prouty, Shutesbury, Co. F. July 15, 1863.  
Mortally wounded at battle of Gettysburg, July 3, '63.

EIGHTEENTH REGIMENT.

- Aug. 24, 1861. Alonzo W. Latham, Greenwich, Co. H. May 17, 1863.  
Took part in all the battles of the reg't until Nov. 17, '62, when he was severely wounded at battle of Fredericksburg. Afterwards took part in battle of Chancellorsville. Died in hospital at Potomac Creek.

NINETEENTH REGIMENT.

- May 13, 1864. William Anderson, Co. D. June 30, 1865.  
Dec. 29, 1864. Owen Cannon, Co. B. June 30, 1865.
- Aug. 3, 1863. George Jones.
- Dec. 30, 1864. Frederick Schatz, Co. B. June 30, 1865.
- May 13, 1864. George Wheeler, Co. I. June 30, 1865.

TWENTIETH REGIMENT.

- Sept. 4, 1861. Henry Bowman, Montague, Co. K. June 26, 1864.  
Re-enlisted Feb. 18, '64. Died at Washington, D. C., of wounds received at battle of City Point, Va.
- Sept. 4, 1861. Marcus T. C. Miles, Co. K. June 3, 1864.  
Corp'l, '62. Wounded at battle of Gettysburg, July 2, '63. Re-enlisted Feb. 18, '64. Died in hospital at Alexandria, Va., June 2, '64.
1863. Thomas Moran.
- July 18, 1863. Robert Slocumb, Co. F. July 16, 1865.
- Dec. 30, 1864. John Taumann.

TWENTY-FIRST REGIMENT.

- Aug. 19, 1861. William S. Clark, Ashfield. April 22, 1863.  
Maj., Aug. 19, '61. Lieut.-col., Feb. 28, '62. Col., May 16, '62. Took part in battles of Roanoke Island, New Berne, Camden, 2d Manassas, Chantilly, South Mountain and Antietam.



- Aug. 21, 1861. Frazar A. Stearns, Cambridge, Co. I. March 14, 1862.  
1st lieut., Aug. 12, '61. Wounded Feb. 8, '62, at battle of Roanoke Island.  
Killed March 14, '62, in battle of New Berne, N. C.
- Aug. 5, 1861. Henry C. Plumb, Halifax, Vt., Co. H. April 20, 1862.  
Serg't, Aug. 5, '61. Died April 20, '62, in hospital at New Berne, N. C.
- Aug. 5, 1861. Richard B. Loomis, Amherst, Co. H. July 21, 1865.  
Corp'l, Aug. 5, '61. Re-enlisted Jan. 2, '64. Wounded at siege of Petersburg, Aug. 8, '64. Trans. to 56th Mass. reg't, Co. H. Trans. June 8, '65, to 56th Mass. reg't, Co. A.
- Aug. 5, 1861. William H. White, Amherst, Co. H. 1865.  
Corp'l, July 14, '63. Wounded at battle of Spottsylvania, May 12, '64.  
Captured at battle of Chantilly, Sept. 1, '62. Re-enlisted Dec. 19, '64, in Hancock's Special Corps.
- Aug. 5, 1861. Sylvester H. Adams, New Bedford, Co. H. Dec. 31, 1861.  
Died at Annapolis, Md., of typhoid fever.
- Aug. 5, 1861. Austin Barton, Belchertown, Co. H. March 18, 1862.  
Mortally wounded March 14, '62, in battle of New Berne. Died March 18, '62, at New Berne.
- Aug. 5, 1861. Francis E. Dickinson, Amherst, Co. H. July 12, 1865.  
Corp'l, April, '64. Serg't, Oct., '65. Re-enlisted Jan. 1, '64. Trans. Jan. 2, '64, to 36th Mass. reg't, Co. H. Trans. June 8, '65, to 56th Mass. reg't, Co. F.
- Aug. 5, 1861. Charles L. Goodale, Amherst, Co. H. June 8, 1865.  
Corp'l, July 1, '63. Serg't, Feb. 11, '64. 2d lieut., Nov. 1, '64. Re-enlisted Jan. 2, '64. Trans. to 36th Mass. reg't. Took part in battles of Roanoke Island, New Berne, Blue Springs, Tenn., siege of Knoxville, and in battles of Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and before Petersburg.
- Oct. 16, 1861. Henry F. Douglass, Hanover, N. H., Co. H. Sept. 24, 1864.  
Drum-major. Wounded at battle of Chantilly, Sept. 1, '62.
- Aug. 5, 1861. Lewis R. Haskell, Shutesbury, Co. H. Sept. 8, 1865.  
Wounded at battle of Fredericksburg, Oct. 13, '62. Discharged Oct. 16, '63, for disability from wounds. Re-enlisted Dec. 19, '64, in Hancock's Veteran Corps.
- Aug. 5, 1861. George W. Newell, Amherst, Co. H. Oct. 21, 1862.  
Injured by a cannon-ball at battle of New Berne. Discharged on account of disability caused by sickness and wounds.
- Dec. 31, 1863. Lyman D. Phelps, Belchertown, Co. H. Aug. 22, 1864.  
Trans. Dec. 31, '63, to 36th Mass. reg't, Co. K. Died Aug. 22, '64, in hospital at Fort Schuyler, N. Y.
- Aug. 5, 1861. George W. Scott, South Hadley, Co. H. Sept. 1, 1862.  
Killed at battle of Chantilly, Va.
- Aug. 5, 1861. Farrell Welch, Co. I.  
Trans. Oct. 23, '62, to U. S. cavalry.



## TWENTY-SECOND REGIMENT.

Aug. 28, 1863. Edward Lyons, Co. E. July 14, 1864.  
 Died at a hospital in New York harbor.  
 June 14, 1864. John McDonald.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT.

1861. Charles V. Smith, Amherst, Co. I. May 21, 1864.  
 Corp'l, '61. Lieut., Dec. 4, '62. Capt., June 4, '63. Wounded at Shenandoah Valley, Sept. 19, '63. Lost an arm in battle of the Wilderness, in May, '64. Died in hospital at Fredericksburg, Md.  
 Feb. 29, 1864. Michael Doyle, Co. D. May 6, 1864.  
 Mortally wounded in battle of the Wilderness.

## THIRTY-FIRST REGIMENT.

Dec. 10, 1861. G. L. Fisher, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Co. D. Dec. 9, 1864.  
 Dec. 3, 1861. Homer L. Fisher, Cummington, Co. D. Dec. 3, 1864.  
 Took part in 13 battles and skirmishes.  
 Feb. 10, 1862. Charles Matthews, Amherst, Co. B. April 9, 1862.  
 Discharged owing to disability.  
 Dec. 19, 1861. Patrick Shea, Ireland, Co. H. April 11, 1862.  
 Discharged owing to disability.

## THIRTY-SECOND REGIMENT.

July 14, 1863. Charles A. Heald, Amherst, Co. F. June 29, 1865.

## THIRTY-FOURTH REGIMENT.

Aug., 1862. Francis J. Matthews, Amherst, Co. D. June 16, 1865.

## THIRTY-SIXTH REGIMENT.

July 13, 1864. Moses L. Flanders, Co. H. Dec. 10, 1864.  
 Discharged owing to disability.  
 July 20, 1864. Henry C. Kendall, Co. H. July 12, 1865.  
 Trans. June 8, '65, to 56th Mass. reg't, Co. F.  
 July 7, 1864. Charles Riley, Co. H. May 25, 1865.  
 Discharged by order of War Dep't.  
 July 12, 1864. Joseph Richards, Co. K.  
 Trans. to 56th Mass. Reg't.

## FIFTY-FOURTH REGIMENT.

July 13, 1863. Jason Champlin, Co. K. Feb. 20, 1864.  
 Killed in battle of Olustee, Fla.  
 March 10, 1863. Charles A. Finnemore, Amherst, Co. C. Aug. 20, 1865.  
 Took part in battles of James Island, Morris Island and Olustee. Wounded Feb. 24, '64, in battle of Olustee.



- March 30, 1863. Sanford Jackson, Amherst, Co. A. Sept. 13, 1863.  
Died at Beaufort, S. C.
- Nov. 23, 1863. Francis N. Jennings, Amherst, Co. H. Aug. 20, 1865.  
Took part in battle of Honey Hill, S. C.
- March 14, 1863. William Jennings, Ludlow, Co. C. June 21, 1865.  
Discharged April 10, '63, owing to disability. Re-enlisted Jan. 29, '64, in  
5th Mass. cavalry.
- March 10, 1863. William H. H. Jennings, Amherst, Co. C. Aug. 20, 1865.  
Took part in battle of James Island.
- July 18, 1863. Alexander Taylor, Co. C. Aug. 20, 1865.
- March 10, 1863. James Thompson, Whately, Co. C. Aug. 20, 1865.  
Took part in battle of James Island, Fort Wagner and all the engagements  
of the reg't.

## FORTY-SECOND REGIMENT.

- Oct. 14, 1862. George L. Johnson, Co. K. Aug. 20, 1863.  
1st serg't.

## FORTY-SIXTH REGIMENT.

- Sept. 25, 1862. James W. Roberts, Co. C. July 29, 1863.  
Corp'l.
- Oct. 15, 1862. Charles I. Albee, Co. H. July 29, 1863.
- Oct. 15, 1862. Benjamin F. Conkey, Co. H. July 29, 1863.
- Oct. 15, 1862. Peter King, Jr., Co. H. July 29, 1863.

## FIFTY-THIRD REGIMENT.

- Oct. 17, 1862. Martin S. Johnson, Amherst, Co. F. June 14, 1863.  
Killed at battle of Port Hudson, La.
- Oct. 17, 1862. George H. Parmenter, Co. F. Sept. 2, 1863.

## FIRST HEAVY ARTILLERY.

- Feb. 20, 1862. Erasmus W. Percival, Amherst, Co. L. Aug. 16, 1865.  
Corp'l, Jan 1, '65. Serg't, March 20, '65. Re-enlisted, Feb., '64.
- Feb. 20, 1862. James A. Pierce, Amherst, Co. L. Aug. 16, 1865.  
Serg't Feb. 23, '64. Took part in nine battles. Wounded Oct. 27, '64, at  
battle of Boynton Plank Road. Re-enlisted in '64.
- March 18, 1862. Benj. P. Allen, East Windsor, Conn., Co. L. June 17, 1862.  
Discharged for disability.
- Feb. 20, 1862. Edwin W. Ball, Co. L. Feb. 22, 1864.  
Re-enlisted.
- Feb. 28, 1862. Morrison Barton, Amherst, Co. L. Nov. 2, 1862.  
Died at Fort Albany, Va. of disease contracted in service.
- Feb. 28, 1862. Henry E. Boynton, Shutesbury, Co. L. June 23, 1864.  
Re-enlisted Feb. 22, '64. Wounded May 19, '64, in battle of the Wilderness.  
Died of wounds in hospital at Washington, D. C.





- Feb. 20, 1862. David L. Dickinson, Amherst, Co. L. May 20, 1864.  
 Re-enlisted Feb. 21, '64. Mortally wounded May 19, '64, in battle of the  
 Wilderness.
- Sept. 7, 1864. Frederick Grover, Co. C. June 4, 1865.
- Nov. 2, 1863. Wesley W. Horton, New Salem, Co. E. Aug. 16, 1865.  
 Took part in seven battles.
- Nov. 16, 1863. Francis B. Smith, Lanesboro, Co. I. March 2, 1864.  
 Discharged owing to disability.

## SECOND HEAVY ARTILLERY.

- Sept. 10, 1864. John Hills, Co. A. Sept. 3, 1865.  
 Corp'l.
- Aug. 25, 1864. Edward P. Dickinson, Amherst, Co. A. June 2, 1865.
- Sept. 12, 1864. Robert Hock, Co. A. July 11, 1865.  
 Trans. Dec. 16, '64, to 17th Mass. reg't, Co. H.
- Aug. 25, 1864. Henry C. Lovett, Co. A. June 2, 1865.
- July 19, 1864. Thomas F. Murphy, Ireland, Co. K. Sept. 3, 1865.
- July 15, 1864. Redmond Welch, Co. B. June 16, 1865.

## THIRD HEAVY ARTILLERY.

- May 31, 1864. James Kelly. Nov. 14, 1865.

## TWENTY-NINTH UNATTACHED COMPANY, HEAVY ARTILLERY.

- Sept. 12, 1864. Henry C. Dickinson, Amherst. June 16, 1865.

## THIRTEENTH BATTERY LIGHT ARTILLERY.

- July 30, 1864. John Kennedy. July 28, 1865.
- Dec. 30, 1864. Nicholas Stankoff. July 28, 1865.

## FIRST CAVALRY.

- Sept. 17, 1861. John W. Howland, Amherst, Co. C. June 26, 1865.  
 Serg't, Sept. 17, '61. 2d lieut., Jan. 16, '64. 1st lieut., Nov. 13, '64. Brevet.  
 capt't. Re-enlisted Jan. 1, '64.
- Aug. 13, 1862. Edwin H. Pierce, Amherst, Co. B. June 26, 1865.  
 Corp'l. Re-enlisted Dec. 29, '63.
- Aug. 18, 1862. Edward P. Gray, New York City, Co. A. Nov. 18, 1864.  
 Serg't Dec. 23, '63. Trans. to Veteran Reserve Corps, Aug.  
 18, '63.
- Dec. 27, 1864. Cephas B. Bolio, Holyoke, Co. E. Jan. 27, 1865.  
 Died at Gallop's Island, Boston Harbor.
- Dec. 27, 1864. William E. Hobart, Amherst, Co. H. June 26, 1865.  
 Bugler.
- Dec. 27, 1864. G. W. Shattuck, Winchester, N. H., Co. H. June 26, 1865.



Dec. 27, 1864. Andrew J. Ufford, Moodus, Conn., Co. H. June 26, 1865.  
Bugler.

Aug. 18, 1862. Byron H. Williams, Norwich, Co. C. Sept. 21, 1863.  
Discharged owing to disability.

## SECOND CAVALRY.

Sept. 15, 1864. Charles Dow.

## FOURTH CAVALRY.

July 13, 1864. Henry Casson, Prussia, Co. H. Nov. 14, 1865.

July 14, 1864. James Kelly, Ireland, Co. I. Nov. 14, 1865.

July 14, 1864. Dennis McSweeney, Ireland, Co. I. Nov. 14, 1865.

Sept. 12, 1864. Samuel W. Richards, Jr., Co. I. Nov. 14, 1865.

Dec. 28, 1864. Charles Smith, Co. B. Nov. 14, 1865.

## FIFTH CAVALRY.

Sept. 12, 1864. Charles Turner, Co. B. Oct. 31, 1865.  
Corp'l.

Jan. 9, 1864. Samuel Freeman, Conn., Co. A. June 21, 1865.  
Bugler.

Jan. 29, 1864. Jarvis W. Jackson, Amherst, Co. B. Oct. 1, 1865.  
Died in hospital at Brazos, Tex.

Jan. 29, 1864. Windsor Jackson, Amherst, Co. B. Oct. 31, 1865.

Jan. 29, 1864. Howard E. Paxon, Hertford Co., Md., Co. A. Oct. 31, 1865.

Jan. 29, 1864. Joseph J. Solomon, Westhampton, Co. D. Oct. 31, 1865.  
Took part in assault on Petersburg, June, '64.

Jan. 29, 1864. Lorenzo Sugland, Westhampton, Co. D. June 17, 1865.

Jan. 29, 1864. Charles H. Thompson, Northampton, Co. E. Oct. 31, 1865.

Jan. 29, 1864. Christopher Thompson, Hatfield, Co. D. Oct. 31, 1865.

Jan. 29, 1864. Henry Thompson, Worthington, Co. D. Oct. 20, 1865.  
Died in hospital at Brazos, Tex.

Jan. 29, 1864. John Thompson, Hatfield, Co. B. March 13, 1864.  
Died in camp at Readville, Mass.

Sept. 12, 1864. Charles Waters, Co. A. Oct. 31, 1865.

Sept. 12, 1864. William Williamson, Co. B. Oct. 31, 1865.

## FIRST BATTALION FRONTIER CAVALRY.

Jan. 2, 1865. Samuel H. Burke, Co. D. June 30, 1865.

## SIXTIETH REGIMENT.

Aug. 1, 1864. Myron D. Clark, Co. G. Nov. 30, 1864.



## VETERAN RESERVE CORPS.

|                 |                                 |                |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Dec. 23, 1864.  | James W. Bryant, 11th reg't.    | June 28, 1865. |
|                 | Discharged owing to disability. |                |
| Sept. 10, 1864. | John Manning, 1st Heavy Art.    | Nov. 17, 1865. |
| Sept. 12, 1864. | Bernard McGuirk, 13th reg't.    | Nov. 14, 1865. |
| Sept. 13, 1864. | John Moran, 10th reg't.         | May 5, 1865.   |
| July 7, 1864.   | John Rush.                      | Nov. 17, 1865. |
| Sept. 10, 1864. | David Witherell, 13th reg't.    | Nov. 17, 1865. |
| Sept. 12, 1864. | Frank Wood, 13th reg't.         |                |

## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

Sept. 13, 1861. George B. Cooley, Palmer, 44th Ill. 1864.  
2d lieutenant, June 7, '62. 1st lieutenant, Dec. 18, '62. In battle of Pea Ridge, Ark., Perryville, Ky., Stone River, Tenn. and Chickamauga. Wounded in battle of Chickamauga.

Dec. 7, 1861. Henry M. McCloud, Amherst, 12th Conn. Oct. 1, 1864.  
Corporal, June 1, '62. Sergeant, March 10, '63. Lieutenant, Aug., '63. Trans. to U. S. engineers' corps, Feb. 10, '64. Took part in many battles and skirmishes.

Aug. 23, 1862. Henry M. Cooley, Amherst, 14th Conn.  
Sergeant.

— Erastus Coy, 15th Ill.

Sept. 3, 1861. Lyman E. Moody, South Hadley, Michigan Sharpshooters.

May, 1861. Charles F. Russell, Amherst, 3d Ill. Cavalry. 1865.

June 20, 1861. Chas. B. Adams, Middlebury, Vt., 67th N. Y. Sept. 17, 1861.  
Died at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dec. 4, 1861. Reuben Miles, Manchester, Conn., 12th Conn. July 15, 1863.  
Died of disease contracted in service.

1861. Samuel White, East Machias, Me., 5th Wis. May, 1864.  
Corporal, sergeant, 2d lieutenant, captain. Mortally wounded in battle of Spottsylvania.

Feb. 2, 1863. Thomas Henderson, Sunderland.  
Surgeon at Laurens Hospital, Mo.

## NAVAL SERVICE.

Feb. 13, 1865. Edward H. Adams, Middlebury, Vt.  
Surgeon's steward. Served on steamer "Wachusett."

June, 1861. William B. Miles, Amherst. 1864.  
Master's mate. Served on steamers "Bricknell," "Roanoke" and "Granite."

Sept. 16, 1864. Frank S. Beaman.

July 1, 1864. Charles P. Boynton.





1863. William Burns.  
 June 29, 1864. William Challiner.  
 July 27, 1864. James A. Colter.  
 June 30, 1864. John Fitzsimmons.  
 June 29, 1864. Thomas Gleason.  
 Sept. 10, 1864. Samuel Hay, Staten Island, N. Y. July 20, 1866.  
     Served on gunboat "Colorado" and steamship "Susquehanna."  
 July 27, 1864. John Hudson.  
 1863. Peter Johnson.  
 July 16, 1864. Thomas Keefe, Ireland. July 22, 1865.  
     Served on sloop of war "John Adams."  
 July 29, 1864. Uranus Lawry, Newport, Me. April 21, 1866.  
     Served on steamers "Monadnock" and "Constellation."  
 July 7, 1864. John Lear.  
 1863. Frank Martin.  
 July 16, 1864. Patrick McCallum.  
 July 2, 1864. Charles McGinley.  
 July 8, 1864. John Nelson, Germany. July 6, 1867.  
     Served on ship "Sabine."  
 Aug. 9, 1862. Henry L. Newell, Amherst, Sept. 8, 1863.  
     Served on steam sloop "Ossipee."  
 June 30, 1864. James Pierce.  
 July 28, 1864. Stephen C. Scott, Machias, Me. July 2, 1867.  
     Served on steamer "Circassian."  
 Aug. 17, 1864. Cornelius White.  
 July 4, 1862. William V. Cutter, Amherst.  
     Served on steamers "Merrimack" and "Mississippi," 1st mate.

## ALPHABETICAL LIST.

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| Adams, Sylvester H. | Ball, Nelson O.     | Bell, George H.   |
| Albee, Charles I.   | Bardwell, Henry J.  | Beston, Dennis    |
| Allen, Benjamin P.  | Barrows, Ashley W.  | Beston, John      |
| Anderson, William   | Bartlett, Edward    | Beston, Patrick   |
| Baker, Asahel       | Bartlett, Joseph F. | Bliss, William L. |
| Baker, Charles C.   | Bartlett, Lewis A.  | Bolio, Cephas B.  |
| Baker, Ezra         | Bartlett, Milo A.   | Bolio, Charles C. |
| Baker, James A.     | Barton, Austin      | Bolio, Levi M.    |
| Ball, Edwin W.      | Barton, Charles H.  | Bolster, Frank E. |
| Ball, Henry C.      | Barton, George H.   | Boltwood, Edmund  |
| Ball, John D.       | Barton, Morrison    | Bowman, James     |
|                     | Bell, Frederick R.  | Bowman, Henry     |



- Bowman, Truman  
 Boynton, Henry E.  
 Brown, Perez R.  
 Bryant, James W.  
 Burke, Samuel H.  
  
 Cannon, Owen  
 Casson, Henry  
 Cates, Albert  
 Champlin, Jason  
 Church, Spencer, Jr.  
 Clapp, Charles  
 Clark, Myron D.  
 Clark, William S.  
 Cook, Benjamin O.  
 Cook, Austin S.  
 Cooke, George E.  
 Cooke, Willard S.  
 Conkey, Benjamin F.  
 Connors, John  
 Cowles, Watson W.  
 Coy, Henry  
 Crossman, Barton E.  
 Cushman, John E.  
 Cutter, Ptolemy P.  
  
 Dennison, Ami R.  
 Devine, Thomas  
 Dickinson, Amariah  
 Dickinson, Chester, Jr.  
 Dickinson, David L.  
 Dickinson, Edward B.  
 Dickinson, Edward P.  
 Dickinson, Eli O.  
 Dickinson, Francis E.  
 Dickinson, Francis H.  
 Dickinson, George  
 Dickinson, Henry C.  
 Dickinson, John W.  
 Dickinson, Levi P.  
 Dickinson, Willard R.  
 Douglass, Henry F.  
 Dow, Charles  
 Doyle, Michael  
 Draper, George A.  
 Dunakin, Charles  
  
 Edson, Levi  
  
 Fahay, William  
 Fales, William B.  
 Finnemore, Charles A.  
 Fish, Dyer B. N.  
 Fish, Francis W.  
 Fisher, George L.  
 Fisher, Homer L.  
 Flanders, Moses L.  
 Freeman, Samuel  
 Franklin, Benjamin R.  
  
 Glazier, John A.  
 Goodale, Charles L.  
 Graves, William O.  
 Gray, Edward P.  
 Grover, Frederick  
 Grover, Joseph  
 Gunn, Cephas W.  
 Gunn, Charles S.  
  
 Haling, Horace  
 Hardaker, James  
 Haskell, Lewis R.  
 Hastings, Henry B.  
 Hastings, Joseph C.  
 Hastings, Willard D.  
 Hawes, James F.  
 Hawley, Henry E.  
 Hayward, Charles E.  
 Heald, Charles A.  
 Hervey, Edward P.  
 Hill, Dwight N.  
 Hills, John  
 Hobart, George M.  
 Hobart, William E.  
 Hock, Robert  
 Holden, Freeman L.  
 Hopkins, William J.  
 Horton, Wesley W.  
 Howes, Charles O.  
 Howes, George E.  
 Howland, John W.  
 Hubbard, Henry  
  
 Jackson, Jarvis W.  
 Jackson, Sanford  
 Jackson, Windsor  
 Jennings, Francis N.  
  
 Jennings, William  
 Jennings, William H. H.  
 Johnson, Ebenezer M.  
 Johnson, Eli H.  
 Johnson, George L.  
 Johnson, Martin S.  
 Johnson, Silas O.  
 Johnson, William F.  
 Jones, George  
  
 Kelley, James, 1st  
 Kelley, James, 2d  
 Kellogg, Albert H.  
 Kellogg, Benjamin F.  
 Kellogg, Charles F.  
 Kellogg, James B.  
 Kellogg, Justin P.  
 Kelsey, Ezra  
 Kendall, Henry C.  
 Kennedy, John  
 King, Peter, Jr.  
 King, Warren F.  
 Latham, Alonzo W.  
 Latham, William W.  
 Leggett, John A.  
 Leggett, William F.  
 Lincoln, Rufus P.  
 Loomis, Richard B.  
 Lovett, Henry L.  
 Lovett, Murray B.  
 Lovett, Wheaton  
 Lyons, Edward  
  
 Maloney, Michael  
 Manley, Edward W.  
 Manning, John  
 Matthews, Charles  
 Matthews, Francis J.  
 McDonald, John  
 McGuirk, Bernard  
 McSweeney, Dennis  
 Miles, Marcus T. C.  
 Moran, John  
 Moran, Thomas  
 Mullett, Charles D.  
 Munsell, Charles C.  
 Murphy, Thomas F.



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| Newell, George W.        | Sanderson, James K.   | Taft, Ethan A.        |
| Nutting, Freeman E.      | Sandling, John        | Taumann, John         |
|                          | Schartz, Frederick    | Taylor, Alexander     |
| O'Callahan, Edward       | Scott, George W.      | Taylor, Joseph K.     |
| O'Callahan, Jeremiah     | Sears, Arthur         | Thayer, Josiah        |
| O'Connor, Cornelius      | Sears, Henry B.       | Thayer, Lyman R.      |
| O'Toole, Patrick F.      | Shattuck, George W.   | Thayer, Samuel M.     |
|                          | Shea, Patrick         | Thompson, Charles H.  |
| Packard, Henry C.        | Shoals, John          | Thompson, Christopher |
| Parmenter, George H.     | Simonds, J. Franklin  | Thompson, Henry       |
| Parsons, John D.         | Skinner, J. Leander   | Thompson, James       |
| Paxon, Howard E.         | Skinner, Linneus C.   | Thompson, John        |
| Percival, Erasmns W.     | Skinner, Lyman W.     | Tufts, George H.      |
| Phelps, Lyman D.         | Slate, George E.      | Turner, Charles       |
| Pierce, Edwin H.         | Sloan, George W.      | Turner, Charles F.    |
| Pierce, James A.         | Sloan, Timothy        | Tyler, Mason W.       |
| Plumb, Henry C.          | Slocumb, Robert       |                       |
| Potwin, Edwin H.         | Smith, Charles        | Ufford, Andrew J.     |
| Preston, James A.        | Smith, Charles C.     |                       |
| Preston, Simeon E.       | Smith, Charles V.     | Vinton, Medad         |
| Prince, Henry B.         | Smith, Francis B.     |                       |
| Prouty, Edward W.        | Smith, William J.     | Waters, Charles       |
| Putnam, George L.        | Solomon, Joseph       | Welch, Farrell        |
|                          | Spaulding, Charles B. | Welch, Redmund        |
| Richards, Joseph         | Spear, Asa A.         | Westcott, Stephen R.  |
| Richards, Samuel W., Jr. | Spear, George P.      | Wheeler, George       |
| Riley, Charles           | Spear, James W.       | Wheelock, James       |
| Roberts, Albert          | Spellman, Timothy     | Wheelock, John P. W.  |
| Roberts, George H.       | Stankoff, Nicholas    | White, John           |
| Roberts, James W.        | Stanley, Edward H.    | White, William H.     |
| Roberts, Norman          | Stearns, Frazar A.    | Williams, Byron H.    |
| Rolph, Edward M.         | Stearns, John         | Williams, Solomon H.  |
| Rush, John               | Storrs, Charles L.    | Williamson, William   |
| Russell, Dwight          | Storrs, Samuel J.     | Wilson, Robert        |
| Rust, Jacob L.           | Stowell, Warren M.    | Witherell, David      |
|                          | Sugland, Lorenzo      | Wood, Frank           |
| SaLois, Michael          |                       | Woodworth, Charles L. |

When, on April 15, 1865, news was received in Amherst of the assassination of President Lincoln, the general feeling of sorrow was manifested in many ways. The church bells were tolled, flags were displayed at half-mast, houses were draped in mourning and business was almost entirely suspended. Special services were held in Grace Episcopal church in the afternoon, Rev. Dr. Parker delivering a solemn and impressive address. On the following Sabbath, the ministers in all the churches made the president's death the theme of their discourse. On Wednesday, May 19, the day of Lincoln's funeral, all the places of business were closed, and stores and private residences were draped in mourning. At 11 A. M. the



church bells began tolling, and at noon a union service was held in the First Congregational church. An immense audience gathered. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. S. P. Parker and Rev. H. L. Hubbell and prayer was offered by Prof. J. H. Seelye.

Under date of Feb. 7, 1867, the *Express* announced that a meeting of the "returned soldiers" of the town and vicinity had been held in the Academy building the evening of the 5th, to consider the expediency of establishing in the town a "Union of Army and Navy Veterans." About 25 were present, and the project having been carefully discussed it was the general sentiment that such a union should be formed. The meeting was adjourned one week; the *Express* contains no minute in regard to any action taken at the adjourned meeting. Sometime during the year 1867, E. M. Stanton Post No. 36, of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Amherst. The records of the organization have been destroyed, so it is impossible to state with certainty the precise date of organization or to give a list of the first officers. Among the early commanders of the post were Charles L. Storrs, Jairus L. Skinner and Edmund Boltwood. Meetings were held in the Amherst house until 1869, when more convenient quarters were secured in Phoenix Row. In 1875, the place of meeting was in Union block, which was destroyed by fire March 13, 1876. The post next occupied quarters in the second story of a building owned by Harvey White, situated on Pleasant street. This building was burned Jan. 3, 1879, the post losing all its furniture, its charter and its records. These successive disasters caused discouragement to the members and loss of interest in the organization. The post was reorganized in 1882 as E. M. Stanton Post 147, G. A. R. Its regular meetings are held in the district court-room the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. It has done excellent work in the care of the sick, disabled and needy comrades, and for many years has had charge of the public exercises of Memorial-day. In 1889, Henry H. Goodell, Henry M. McCloud and Dr. D. B. N. Fish were appointed a committee to prepare a list of soldiers who served on Amherst's quota during the war. After a considerable expenditure of time and money the list was completed, and the names were engraved on marble slabs to which has been accorded a post of honor in the tower of the town hall building.

In January, 1889, the E. M. Stanton Woman's Relief Corps was organized and a charter secured. The first officers were elected Jan. 18, Mrs. Henry Adams being chosen president. Meetings are held in Pacific hall the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. An organization of the Son of Veterans was formed in Amherst during the '80s, but its existence was brief.





## CHAPTER LVIII.

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AMHERST COLLEGE.—ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT STEARNS.—GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.—COLLEGE BUILDINGS.—NEW DEPARTMENTS.—  
 • THE COLLEGE IN THE WAR.—THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY.—JULIUS H. SEELYE ELECTED PRESIDENT.—GIFTS TO THE COLLEGE.—MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY.—THE LIBRARY.—PHYSICAL CULTURE.—THE “AMHERST SYSTEM.”—GREEK LETTER FRATERNITIES.

Edward Hitchcock resigned the presidency of Amherst College July 11, 1854. At the annual meeting of the board of trustees held Aug. 7, Rev. William A. Stearns was chosen president of the college and professor of moral philosophy and Christian theology. William Augustus Stearns was born in Bedford, March 17, 1805. His father and both his grandfathers were ministers of the gospel. He was prepared for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, was graduated with honor at Harvard College, in the class of 1827, and at Andover Seminary in the class of 1831. After teaching for a short time at Duxbury, he was ordained, Dec. 14, 1831, pastor of the church at Cambridgeport, of which he remained in charge until summoned to the presidency of Amherst College. The inauguration ceremonies took place Nov. 22, 1854. Far different were the auspices attendant on his inauguration from those which had greeted his predecessors in office. When Dr. Moore assumed the presidency, Amherst College was an experiment, the exponent of an educational theory with little beside faith to sustain it. President Humphrey was installed in office in shadow of the death of his predecessor, a loss which was thought by many at the time to mean the death of the college as well. President Hitchcock came to the rescue of the institution when it was deeply burdened by debt and its chances for existence were problematical. President Stearns assumed the presidency of a college firmly established and possessing a substantial endowment, no longer dependent for its support on the contributions it could secure from the public from time to time.

The history of the college during the administration of President Stearns was one of growth and development. Possessed of fine executive abilities, he also had, to a marked degree, the faculty of interesting others in the work of the institution over which he was called to preside. This resulted in a series of donations and bequests to the college amounting in the aggregate to nearly \$800,000. Among the most notable of these gifts were the following: By Dr. W. J. Walker, \$100,000, to which was added



\$40,000 raised from other sources as a condition of Dr. Walker's gift, by legacy from Dr. Walker in 1866, \$144,976; by S. A. Hitchcock, for scholarships and kindred purposes in 1872, \$100,000; by Samuel L. Williston in 1871, \$50,000; by W. F. Stearns, donation for College church, \$46,000; by scholarships, \$35,000; by grants of the Legislature, 1861-63, \$27,500; by John Tappan, in 1864, \$25,000 to endow the Samuel Green professorship; by Dr. W. J. Walker, \$25,000 to endow the Walker professorship of mathematics and astronomy. At the beginning of President Stearns' administration there was not a single scholarship in existence at the college; before its close there were more than fifty, varying in annual income from \$40 to \$300 each and distributing each year over \$4,000 among the students. In addition to these scholarships many prizes were established in various departments.

During the administration of President Stearns six new buildings were added to the college property. The first to be erected was the Appleton cabinet, built in 1855, at a cost of \$10,000. The same year a lecture-room was built as an appendage to the Woods cabinet, at a cost of \$1,000, the gift of Luke Sweetser. In 1857, the Nineveh gallery, another "annex" to the Woods cabinet, was built at an expense of some \$600, the gift of Lieut. Enos Dickinson of South Amherst. Here were placed on exhibition the sculptured slabs taken from the palace of Sardanapalus, and seals, cylinders, bricks and coins, collected at Nineveh and Babylon by Dr. Henry Lobdell, a graduate of the college in the class of 1849 and a missionary to Assyria. Williston hall was erected in 1857 at a cost of \$15,000, and the same year the East dormitory was built, at like expense, to take the place of the North dormitory which had been burned to the ground the winter preceding. The Barrett gymnasium building was erected in 1860 at a cost of \$10,000, the fixtures costing some \$5,000 more. It was named in honor of Dr. Benjamin Barrett of Northampton, a liberal contributor toward its erection. Walker hall, the most expensive and pretentious building on the college grounds, was completed in October, 1870, its cost being about \$130,000. The larger part of this sum had been donated by Dr. W. J. Walker, in whose honor the building was named. Its corner-stone was laid June 10, 1868, and it was formally opened Oct. 20, 1870. The corner-stone of the College church was laid Sept. 22, 1870, and the building was completed at a cost of, \$70,000. In 1867, the college trustees purchased the old meeting-house of the First Congregational church, and christened it College hall; its cost to the college was \$12,000.

It was not alone in additions to its resources, its buildings and apparatus, that Amherst College showed marked development under the administration of President Stearns. Existing departments were strengthened and new ones developed, the curriculum enlarged and valuable additions



made to the teaching force of the institution. Dr. Stearns was an earnest believer in physical education; it was largely through his influence that the trustees voted at their annual meeting in August, 1860, to establish a department of physical culture in the college. John W. Hooker, M. D., of New Haven, Conn. was the first professor to have charge of the department but was connected with the college only a few months. He was succeeded in 1861 by Dr. Edward Hitchcock, Jr., under whose direction the department of physical education and hygiene has become famous throughout the country. The exhibitions in gymnastics are greatly enjoyed by the public, being witnessed by thousands of visitors every year. The compulsory use of a wise system of physical development has exercised a most beneficial influence upon the health of the student body. To Dr. W. J. Walker must be accorded the honor of founding at the college the department of mathematics and astronomy, endowing a professorship, instructorships and prize scholarships. To the charge of this department, which he still retains, William C. Esty was appointed in 1863. The appointment of E. P. Crowell as professor of Latin, in 1858, secured to the college the services of one who has ever maintained his department in the front rank, and who, in recent years, in the face of physical disability that might well have daunted any man, has continued those services which have gained constantly in value. The department of chemistry grew and prospered, at first under the care of Prof. William S. Clark, who gave up his position to accept the presidency of the Agricultural College, and later in charge of Prof. Elijah P. Harris, who, appointed to the professorship in 1868, has since maintained for the department a high standard of excellence. Benjamin K. Emerson, a graduate of the college in 1865, was elected by the trustees in 1872 to the professorship of geology and zoölogy, a position he still retains with honor to the institution. During the administration of President Stearns the department of rhetoric was in charge of Rev. Thomas P. Field, Prof. James G. Vose and Prof. L. Clark Seelye, the latter at present president of Smith College. In 1858, Edward Tuckerman was appointed professor of botany, but devoted little time to the work of the class-room, occupying himself more particularly in the study of lichens, in which branch of botanical science he was recognized as high authority. Prior to the administration of President Stearns the college offered no optional studies. In 1859-60, elective studies in the several departments were offered to the senior class.

It was during President Stearns' term of office that the war for the preservation of the Union was fought. No truer patriot ever lived than William A. Stearns, and few were called upon to offer a more costly sacrifice upon the altar of patriotism. From the outbreak of the struggle until its glorious ending he took an active interest in the enlistment of recruits,



presided at patriotic meetings, and, early in the conflict, gave to the Union cause a brave young life to be sacrificed at the battle of New Berne. When the first rebel gun was fired against Fort Sumter, Professor Clark gave up all thought of college duties to devote his attention to sterner problems on the field of battle. Three sons of Prof. Charles B. Adams were among those who enlisted in the Union armies. With such a president and such professors it is small wonder that Amherst College students were prompt to offer their services to their country. In 1860, the college catalog contained the names of 220 students; during the war no less than 78 undergraduates of the college were enrolled in the Union armies. On the Sunday following the fall of Fort Sumter, a form of enlistment was drawn up and signed by some 50 or 60 of the students, the list being headed by the name of Frazar A. Stearns, son of the president. Their services were not accepted at the time, but a system of military drill was adopted by the students under the direction of Luke Lyman of Northampton, afterwards colonel of the 27th Mass. regiment.

From the class of '62, 30 men enlisted for the war; the classes of '61 and '63 each furnished 23 men; 15 enlisted from the class of '64 and 21 from the class of '65. Of those enlisted from the class of '65, six died in the service, four from mortal wounds received on the field of battle. The classes of '63 and '64 lost each four men in the service. Of graduates of the college, 195 entered the service, of whom six had been tutors at the college. Of the 247 graduates and undergraduates, 95 enlisted as privates. Amherst College furnished to the service 35 chaplains and 30 surgeons. At the close of the war the list of college men included three brigadier-generals, nine colonels, twelve lieutenant-colonels, nine majors, 25 captains, 17 first lieutenants, 17 second lieutenants and many minor officers. Many of the undergraduates returned to college at the close of the war and completed their course. By vote of the trustees, the names of all undergraduates who died in the service were enrolled among the graduates in their respective classes. A fitting memorial to the fallen heroes of the war is found in the chime of bells in College church, presented to the college by the late George Howe, Esq. of Boston, in special memory of his son, Sidney Walker Howe of the class of '59, who was killed at the battle of Williamsburg, May 5, 1862.

At the annual meeting of the college alumni held July 8, 1868, resolutions were adopted requesting the trustees to make arrangements for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the college, in 1871, and also requesting Prof. William S. Tyler to prepare a history of the college to be ready at commencement-time that year. The alumni chose as a committee of arrangements Prof. R. D. Hitchcock, W. A. Dickinson, Esq. and Prof. R. H. Mather, to whom were added at the annual meeting





of the alumni in June, 1870, Profs. Edward Hitchcock and Julius H. Seelye. At the annual meeting of the trustees, July 13, 1870, a special committee was appointed, consisting of the president and Drs. Paine, Sabin and Storrs, to act with the committee of the alumni in making arrangements for the celebration. Professor Tyler's history was written, and from it has been gathered much of interest concerning the college which appears in the pages of this volume. The celebration was held during commencement week in 1871, the special exercises occurring on Wednesday. Nearly 700, or almost one-half the number of living graduates, were present on this interesting occasion. Every class was represented. The exercises were held beneath a spacious tent spread under the trees in the college grove. At the morning exercises Hon. Samuel Williston presided; an address of welcome was delivered by President Stearns and an historical discourse by Prof. W. S. Tyler. In the afternoon, Hon. A. H. Bullock of the class of '36 presided, and addresses were made by Prof. E. S. Snell, '22, Dr. Edward P. Humphrey, '28, Rev. H. N. Barnum, '52, Rev. H. W. Beecher, '34, Prof. E. A. Park, Prof. R. D. Hitchcock, '36, and Waldo Hutchins, Esq., '42. As one result of this celebration, many scholarships were endowed by the several classes.

June 8, 1876, President Stearns died while in office. He had officiated that morning at prayers in chapel, suffered no illness but passed peacefully into the higher life. He had written his resignation of the presidency of the college, intending to present it to the trustees at the college commencement, near at hand. He had also prepared his baccalaureate sermon, which was read on Sunday of commencement week by President Seelye of Smith College. On June 13, funeral services, simple but impressive, were held in College church. The college and community were saddened by his death. His was a lofty type of Christian manhood, and while his loss fell heaviest upon the college he had loved so well and served so faithfully, the town could ill afford to spare one who had been so faithful to the duties of citizenship.

At the annual meeting of the college trustees, June 27, 1876, a committee was appointed to consider the vacancy in the presidential office, with instructions to report at a meeting to be held in Boston not later than the first week in August. This committee opened a correspondence with Julius H. Seelye, then a representative in Congress, and offered him a nomination to the college presidency, under certain conditions. He refused to consider the proposition in the form presented, and at a meeting of the board held in Boston, July 28, he was by unanimous vote elected president, and professor of mental and moral philosophy in Amherst College. Julius Hawley Seelye was born in Bethel, Conn., Sept. 14, 1824. He was graduated from Amherst College in the class of '49 and from





GROUP OF AMHERST COLLEGE FRATERNITY HOUSES.



Auburn Theological Seminary in 1852. Ordained by the classis of Schenectady, N. Y., in 1853, he served as pastor of the First Reformed Dutch church of Schenectady until 1858, when he accepted a call to the professorship of mental and moral philosophy at Amherst College. In 1874, he was elected a member of the United States Congress, on an independent nomination. President Seelye entered upon the duties of his office in September, 1876, but in accordance with an understanding with the trustees, he completed his service in Congress, Prof. W. S. Tyler serving as acting president. The formal inauguration ceremonies took place June 27, 1877.

The events of President Seelye's administration are of such recent occurrence that nothing but an outline sketch will be attempted in this work. The first graduate of the college to be elected to the high office of the presidency, its growth and development during his term of office were along the lines that had been marked out by the founders of the institution. The highest ideal of education as viewed by him consisted in the inculcation of those principles that lead to the broadest development of Christian manhood. Mind culture and soul culture were inseparably linked in the system of instruction which reached its highest development under his administration.

During President Seelye's term of office the college received donations and bequests amounting in the aggregate to over \$826,000. The most notable of these were the D. Willis James fund of \$100,000, the Seelye fund of \$100,000, also donated by D. Willis James, the legacy of \$80,000 by Henry T. Morgan, used in enlarging the college library, the bequest of \$50,000 by Joel Giles of Boston, as a permanent fund for the increase of the library, the three professorship endowments of \$50,000 each by Mrs. V. G. Stone, Henry Winkley and Frederick Billings, the \$50,000 bequest by Mrs. Chester W. Chapin, the \$35,000 donated by C. M. Pratt toward building the gymnasium, the Winkley legacy of \$30,000, the Williston legacy of over \$28,000, the Asa Otis legacy of \$25,000, the donation by F. B. Pratt of over \$25,000 for the Pratt athletic field, and over \$65,000 for the establishment of scholarships. The principal building erected during his administration was the Pratt gymnasium, costing \$70,000, while Walker hall was rebuilt, at a cost of \$90,000.

Of the members added to the college faculty during President Seelye's administration the following are now in office: Anson D. Morse, professor of history; Henry B. Richardson, professor of German; John M. Tyler, professor of biology; Charles E. Garman, professor of mental and moral philosophy; David P. Todd, professor of astronomy; John F. Genung, professor of rhetoric; Henry A. Frink, professor of oratory; William L.



Cowles, professor of Latin. During his term of office the college lost, by death, the services of one of its most distinguished scholars and teachers, Professor Richard H. Mather. Although a member of the faculty during the administration of President Stearns, his best work was accomplished during the term of office of President Seelye, with whom he was intimately associated in social as well as college life. Richard Henry Mather was born in Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 12, 1835. He was graduated with honor at Amherst College in 1857 and afterwards studied philology at Berlin University, Germany. He was instructor in Greek at Amherst College from 1859 to 1861, assistant professor of Greek from 1861 to 1864, professor of Greek from 1864 until his death in 1890. He raised the money and made all the purchases for the Mather art collection, which is at once his gift and his monument. During President Seelye's administration the college was deprived by death of the services of two other distinguished professors, Ebenezer S. Snell and Elihu Root. A brief biographical sketch of Professor Snell appears in another chapter of this volume. Elihu Root was a native of Belchertown and was born Sept. 14, 1845. He was graduated from Amherst College in the class of 1867; and received the degree of Ph. D. from the University of Berlin in 1876. From 1877 until his death in 1880 he was Walker professor of mathematics and natural philosophy at Amherst College.

It was during President Seelye's administration that the college library received an impetus for growth and development which has brought it to the front rank among institutions of its kind in America. When the first college building was erected, the library, contained in a single case, was placed in the north entry. Additions were made to the library from time to time, but it was not until 1850 that an urgent effort was made to so enlarge and strengthen it that it might correspond in dignity with the institution. At the annual meeting of the trustees in 1850, it was voted to take measures to procure funds for erecting a library building and for increasing the number of volumes owned by the college. Upwards of \$15,000 was raised by subscription, of which \$10,000 was devoted to a building which was begun in 1852 and finished in 1853. In 1888, the building was remodeled and greatly enlarged, and is to-day one of the handsomest structures on the college grounds. The appointment of W. I. Fletcher as college librarian secured to the college the services of a master of the art of library economy, who has in countless ways made the library of greatest value in supplementing the work of other departments of the college.

Reference has been made to the department of physical education and hygiene. The work in the department is a requirement of the college course, but interest in it has been greatly stimulated by the non-required







GROUP OF AMHERST COLLEGE FRATERNITY HOUSES.



work and training of the athletic field. Amherst, in common with nearly all colleges throughout the land, has been and is a candidate for competitive athletic honors. Its base-ball and foot-ball and track athletics teams have won and lost championships, and, incidentally, have advertised the college and its system of physical culture. Any extended sketch of Amherst College athletics would be out of place in this volume, but mention should be made of Pratt-field, the fine athletic grounds devoted to college sports, the gift of Frederick B. Pratt, a graduate of the college in the class of 1887. The Amherst Musical association has also borne an honorable part in adding to the knowledge and fame of Amherst College throughout the land.

To President Seelye the college is indebted for the system of "student self-government" which, originating at Amherst, has been adopted in modified form by many institutions for higher education. The "Amherst College Senate," established in 1880, consisted of four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and one freshman, with the president of the college serving as presiding officer and possessing also the veto power over the doings of the body. To the senate questions of college order and decorum were referred, its decisions, if confirmed by the president, being binding upon the college. The granting of this measure of self-government to the student body met with excellent results, and friends of the college learned with regret that it had practically terminated by the resignation of the members of the senate in 1894.

The Greek letter fraternities have for many years exercised a potent influence upon student life at Amherst. Between the years 1837 and 1894, no less than eleven of these fraternities have been established at Amherst, all of them yet remaining in prosperous existence. A large percentage of the student body is enrolled in their membership and social life at the college is largely under their direction. In the earlier years the fraternities were quartered in private residences, but to-day nearly every one has its chapter house, comprising some of the most desirable pieces of property in the village. Many members of the college faculty are members of the fraternities as well.

Julius H. Seelye resigned the presidency of Amherst College in 1890. The trustees accepted his resignation with deep regret, but physical infirmities compelled him to relinquish an office he had filled with honor to himself and to the lasting gain of the college. Pres't Seelye died in Amherst, May 12, 1895. At the college commencement in 1891, Merrill Edwards Gates was inaugurated as the sixth president of Amherst College, a worthy successor to great men gone before.



## CHAPTER LIX.

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THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.—CAUSES LEADING TO ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

HON. MARSHALL P. WILDER'S ADDRESS.—THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE COMMISSION.—PRESIDENT HITCHCOCK'S REPORT.—PLANS FOR A COLLEGE.—THE "SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE."—THE MORRILL LAND GRANT ACT.—ITS PROVISIONS.—MASSACHUSETTS ACCEPTS THE GRANT.—THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE TRUSTEES INCORPORATED.—THEIR FIRST REPORT.—SECURING A LOCATION.—AMHERST'S SUBSCRIPTION TO THE FUND.—THE LANDS PURCHASED.—AMHERST'S PETITION.

The history of the Massachusetts Agricultural College is unwritten, save in the annual reports of its trustees, the Acts and Resolves of the Massachusetts Legislature, and a mass of documents which, interesting in themselves, have yet to be arranged in suitable form for reference. From this material the college historian of the future will be enabled to prepare a history full of interest and value. The scope of this work will permit little more than an outline sketch of the leading events connected with the establishment and maintenance of an institution in which the town has taken an active interest from the beginning, in whose behalf it added largely to its indebtedness, and from which it has received generous returns in many ways.

Agriculture in New England, from the earliest days of its settlement by Europeans, was regarded as manual labor pure and simple, a hand-to-hand struggle to wring the means of a subsistence from a not-too-fertile soil. Strength and endurance were regarded as the main requisites for success in wielding the rude instruments of soil-culture. Brawn, not brain, cultivated the most acres and raised the largest crops. The germs of agricultural education were first developed by the agricultural societies established in Massachusetts early in the Nineteenth century. The farmers of Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden, when gathered together at the annual cattle-shows, exchanged valuable information on the breeding of cattle and the raising of farm crops. It was not until 1848 that Massachusetts as a state recognized a movement looking toward scientific instruction in agriculture. The incorporation that year by the General Court of the "Massachusetts Agricultural Institute," a private institution, was a preliminary step looking toward the establishment by the state of an agricul-



tural college. The "institute" was never founded, but seed had been sown that was in time to yield a generous harvest.

In September, 1849, Hon. Marshall P. Wilder delivered an address on agricultural education before the Norfolk Agricultural society. The suggestions contained in this address were received with such favor that in 1850 a bill was introduced in the General Court providing for the establishment of an agricultural college and experiment farm. This bill passed the Senate without a dissenting vote but was rejected by the House. The next step taken was the appointment by the governor of a board of commissioners whose duty it was to report to the General Court at its next session upon the expediency of establishing agricultural schools or colleges. The act providing for this commission was approved by Gov. George N. Briggs, May 3, 1850, and June 6 the following were appointed members of the commission: Marshall P. Wilder of Dorchester, Edward Hitchcock of Amherst, Thomas E. Payson of Rowley, Samuel A. Eliot of Boston, Ely Warren of Upton. Edward Hitchcock was at that time president of Amherst College and was traveling in Europe for the benefit of his health. While in London he received notice of his appointment as a member of the commission, coupled with the request that he visit as many of the agricultural institutions in Europe as would enable him to gain an idea of the system of instruction and operation of the schools. With characteristic energy he entered heartily upon the work, visiting institutions in England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Switzerland and France. As the result of his investigation, he submitted a report to the committee, which in turn presented it to the General Court.

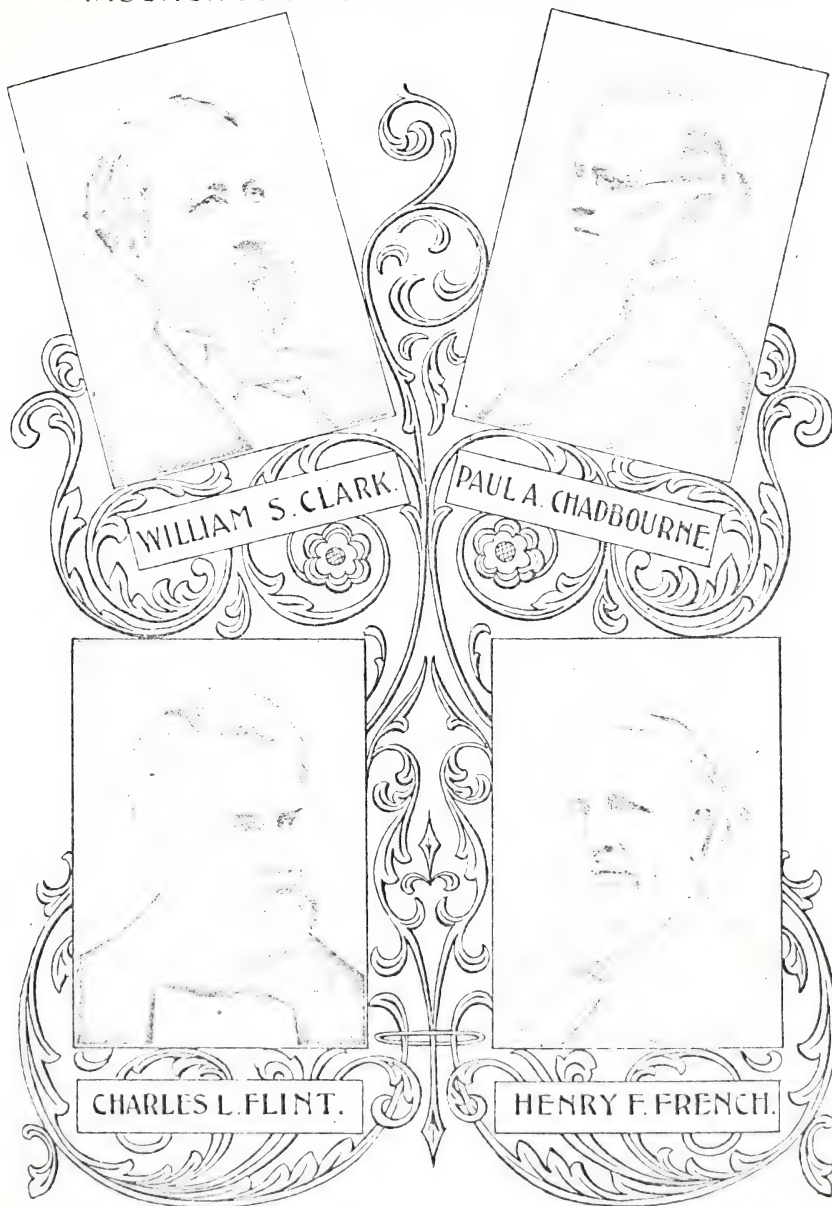
This report presented the following general facts: Of the agricultural institutions visited, a few were founded and sustained by individuals or associations of gentlemen interested in agriculture, but by far the greater number were wholly sustained or assisted by the government of the country in which they were located. Some consisted of professorships at colleges or universities, some depended on colleges or universities for a part of their instructors, the greater number were independent institutions. Three or four grades of instruction were offered. In nearly all cases these institutions had large or small farms connected with them. From his observations he had arrived at the following conclusions: That those agricultural institutions succeed best which are started and sustained by the mutual efforts and contributions of individuals or societies and of the government. That independent agricultural institutions are essential to accomplish the object aimed at. That essentially the same reasons, and of greater force, exist for the establishment of agricultural schools in this country as in Europe. That Massachusetts should lose no time in taking hold of the business of agricultural education efficiently and liberally.







PRESIDENTS OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.





He outlined three plans for agricultural education in Massachusetts. The first provided for the establishment of an agricultural school or college in the state, possessed of all the means necessary to give a finished education in the principles and practice of agriculture. Such a school should give instruction in practical agriculture, chemistry, elementary and applied, natural history, especially zoölogy and botany, elementary and applied mineralogy and geology, anatomy and physiology, human and comparative, veterinary medicine and surgery. It should have collections of models of agricultural instruments, dried seeds, grains, etc., planed specimens of useful kinds of wood, models of varieties of fruit, small collections of simple minerals and rocks, a museum of economic geology, insects injurious to vegetation, stuffed specimens and drawings of species and varieties of animals used in agriculture, a museum of human and comparative anatomy, chemical and philosophical apparatus and a scientific and agricultural library. It should also have a model and experiment farm of moderate size and should give instruction in practical farming. Provision should be made for instruction in ancient and modern languages, and for board on the farm of students willing to devote their time daily to labor beyond that required of all. For this extra labor compensation should be given sufficient at least to meet the charge for board. The smallest number of professors needed at such an institution would be six. The course of study should embrace two years, and when creditably completed the pupils should be entitled to an agricultural diploma or decree. Tuition should be made as low as possible, certainly not over \$40 per annum. Several scholarships should be founded by the state, to be given to the most diligent and successful pupils. In addition to this principal institution, agricultural departments should be established in academies in the different counties. Agricultural manuals might be introduced into primary schools if any children desired the study. The cost of establishing such a system of agricultural education was estimated by President Hitchcock at \$70,000, the annual cost of its maintenance at \$9,200.

The second plan suggested was for the location of an agricultural institute so near some existing literary institution that the pupils could attend its scientific lectures and study its collections in natural history. The first cost of such an institution was estimated at \$66,300, the annual expenditure after the first year at \$3,800. The third plan was to establish a central school or college, one-half the expense to be defrayed by the government, the remainder by individuals, and also to establish agricultural departments in the academies in different counties. The college should have a president, a professor of agriculture and a farm superintendent, at small salaries, and one tutor for each 30 students. The original cost of



such a system was estimated at \$28,300, the annual expense for maintenance at \$2,100. It is interesting to compare these plans as outlined by President Hitchcock with those afterwards adopted and put in practice at the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Time has proven in many things the wisdom of his suggestions, and to the memory of no man, save perhaps to that of President W. S. Clark, does the college owe so great a debt of gratitude.

President Hitchcock's report was accepted by the General Court, but other matters of grave import demanding attention no action was taken looking toward the adoption of its recommendations. In 1856, several men who had been prominent in the project for establishing an agricultural college, associated together to establish a school and were incorporated under the name of the "Massachusetts School of Agriculture." No further action was taken at the time, and in 1860 the charter was transferred to citizens of Springfield, who determined to raise \$75,000 by subscription and open the school in that city, looking to the General Court for a further endowment. Dec. 14, 1857, Hon. Justin S. Morrill, a representative in the national Congress from the state of Vermont, introduced in that body a bill providing for the donation of a portion of the government lands for the endowment of a college in each state, where should be taught such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts. This bill passed both branches of Congress only to be vetoed by President Buchanan. It was finally enacted July 2, 1862, receiving the signature of President Lincoln.

This act granted to each state 30,000 acres of public land for each senator and representative in Congress under the apportionment of 1860. States in which there were no public lands subject to sale at private entry should receive land scrip, to be sold by said states and the proceeds applied to the designated objects. All expenses of management of lands and the sale thereof were to be borne by the states. All moneys received from the sales of land or land scrip were to be invested in safe stocks, yielding not less than five per cent. on their par value, and the money so invested should constitute a perpetual fund, the capital to remain forever undiminished and the interest to be appropriated "to the endowment, support and maintenance of at least one college where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts." If any portion of this fund should be diminished or lost it should be replaced by the state to which it belonged. A sum not exceeding ten per cent. of the amount received by any state might be expended for lands for the site of



buildings or for an experiment farm. No portion of the fund or interest should be applied directly or indirectly, under any pretence whatever, to the purchase, erection, preservation or repair of any building or buildings. Any state accepting the provisions of the act should provide within five years at least one college as defined above. The act must be accepted by the state within two years from the time of its passage.

In his address to the General Court, Jan. 9, 1863, Gov. John A. Andrew discussed at length the provisions of this grant. He spoke of the bequest by Benjamin Bussey to Harvard College of a large property for the establishment of an institute for agricultural education, and also of the founding of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He argued strongly in favor of uniting the institution provided for by the Morrill act with others already established. The joint special committee of the General Court to which was referred that part of the governor's address relating to agricultural colleges submitted its report March 26. A strong effort had been made to secure a part of the fund for the Institute of Technology. The suggestions made by Gov. Andrew had also met with hearty support. A committee of the State Board of Agriculture had urgently opposed locating the college near Boston or connecting it with any other institution. The trustees of Amherst and Williams colleges had expressed a desire to receive a part of the fund on condition of giving instruction in agriculture and the mechanic arts. A sub-committee having examined the Agricultural College in Pennsylvania, reported as their united opinion that an agricultural college should be established in Massachusetts similar to that in Pennsylvania; that it should be wholly disconnected from all existing institutions, and separate from all large cities and towns; that it should recognize the principle of daily manual labor by its students as essential to success; that the necessary funds for founding the institution should be contributed equally by the state and by individuals. The full committee reported: That the grant of Congress should be accepted and its conditions faithfully complied with; that one-tenth of the whole amount received from sale of the land scrip be set aside for the purchase of lands to be used in connection with the agricultural college proper; that of the remaining nine-tenths one-third be devoted to the use of the Institute of Technology, under direction of its trustees, and the remaining two-thirds to the use of an agricultural college under the control of a board of trustees.

By an act of the General Court passed April 18, Massachusetts accepted the grant from the national government. The governor was authorized to receive the land scrip to which the state was entitled and to appoint a commissioner to locate and sell the same, the proceeds to be





deposited with the state treasurer who should receive and hold the same. April 27, an act was passed dividing the income from sale of the scrip, giving one-third to the Institute of Technology. April 29, an act was passed to incorporate the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. The names of the incorporators were : Marshall P. Wilder, George B. Loring, Charles L. Flint, Paoli Lathrop, Hollis Tidd, Henry Colt and Charles G. Davis. The leading object of the institution was to be that expressed in the congressional grant. The board of trustees should never number more than 14 and the governor of the commonwealth, the secretary of the board of education and the president of the college faculty should be members *ex-officiis*. The trustees were empowered to elect a president and members of the faculty of the college, to determine their duties, salaries, etc., to purchase or erect buildings, to make rules for the government of the college, to determine the course of instruction and to confer degrees. The General Court might appoint overseers or visitors of the college. The trustees should determine the location of the college and should purchase or obtain by gift a tract of land containing at least 100 acres for an experiment farm in connection therewith, and should make such provision for manual labor on the farm by students as they deemed just and reasonable. One-tenth of the money received from the sale of land scrip should go toward the purchase of a farm, provided the college should procure by valid subscription or otherwise the sum of \$75,000 for erecting buildings thereon.

Jan. 6, 1864, George Marston, William S. Southworth and Charles L. Flint, a committee of the trustees, submitted to the General Court a report of the doings of the board. The corporation had been organized in conformity with the statutes of the commonwealth, Nov. 18, 1863, with His Excellency John A. Andrew as president, Hon. Allen W. Dodge vice-president and Charles L. Flint secretary. By-laws had been adopted for the government of the corporation. A committee had been appointed to have in charge the raising of subscriptions to the funds required by law to put the Agricultural College in operation, to consider the subject of a location for the college and to receive proposals concerning the same. Several propositions had been made to the committee with reference to the location of the college. Early in 1864, the trustees petitioned the General Court to enact a law enabling them to accept subscriptions and locate and organize the college with the least possible delay. A memorial to the same effect was presented by the State Board of Agriculture. May 11, the General Court passed an act changing the name of the corporation to the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Authority concerning the location, plan of organization, government and course of study at the college was taken



from the General Court and given to the governor and council. The governor was authorized to transfer to the college one-tenth of the land scrip received from the United States, the proceeds from the sale to be devoted to the purchase of land. The sum of \$10,000 per annum was appropriated to defray the necessary expenses of establishing and maintaining the college. All moneys received by the state treasurer as the annual interest or income of the fund established by sale of the land scrip should be applied to the payment of this annual appropriation, the balance to be made up out of the state treasury.

The matter of selecting and securing a suitable location for the college was one of the most difficult problems with which the trustees had to contend. Many towns in the state were anxious to secure the benefits that would arise from the location of the college within their limits, but few were ready to comply with the requirement of the General Court that \$75,000 be raised and presented to the trustees ere a location was granted. In January, 1863, the trustees of Amherst College petitioned the General Court that the Agricultural College be located in connection with their institution. This petition was refused as was one of similar purport from the trustees of Williams College. The early labors of President Hitchcock in behalf of agricultural education had awakened a deep interest in the subject in the minds of Amherst residents, and once it had been determined that the Agricultural College was not to be connected with Harvard College or the Institute of Technology, but would be a separate institution, there was a general and earnest desire on their part that the college should come to Amherst. A special town-meeting was held Jan. 25, 1864, to see if the town would vote money for an agricultural college. Only about 100 voters were present but a strong sentiment in favor of the college was expressed. Short speeches were made by Col. W. S. Clark, Luke Sweetser, I. F. Conkey, Edward Dickinson and A. P. Howe. It was voted to give the trustees of the proposed college \$50,000 if the college should be located in Amherst, and the General Court would give the town permission to make the gift. The vote on the question was 79 in favor and 7 opposed. The money was to be raised by giving bonds or by direct taxation. Col. W. S. Clark addressed the meeting and said that the people of Springfield had given up all hope of securing the college for that place. Northampton and Amherst were the only real competitors for the college. The fund bequeathed by Oliver Smith could not be used in establishing the college, and it would be folly to encumber the institution by the provisions of the Smith will. Two tracts of land in Amherst had been suggested as suitable for the location of the college, one owned by Henry Cobb, one-half mile north of the village, the other owned by Alfred Baker and R.



S. Lincoln, just south of the village, where it had at first been proposed to locate Amherst College.

Amherst's petition to be allowed to raise \$50,000 by taxation to secure the location of the college came before the General Court for action in February; it was signed by nearly every tax-payer in the town. The petition was opposed by interested parties and was rejected. April 28, 1864, the college trustees visited Amherst. They viewed several farms offered for their inspection, including that of L. D. Cowles, which with two others adjacent contained 414 acres, valued at \$40,000. The trustees were addressed by Levi Stockbridge, Prof. W. S. Clark and President Stearns. May 25, the trustees decided by unanimous vote to locate the college at Amherst, provided that town should raise the \$75,000 required by the act of incorporation. In June, Governor Andrew and council, together with the executive committee of the board of trustees, visited Amherst. The General Court having refused to the town the right to raise the requisite sum by taxation, it was determined to secure it by subscription. Public meetings were held in various parts of the town, and subscription papers were circulated, the response being so generous that the *Express* announced under date of Aug. 2 that the sum of \$50,000 had been pledged. In the early part of September field surveyors were employed in surveying the lands which it was proposed to secure for the college farm. Sept. 13, a hearing was given by the governor's council on the question of confirming or rejecting the action of the trustees in locating the college at Amherst. At this hearing the statement was made that many farmers in Western Massachusetts and officers of agricultural societies were opposed to the location. The council sustained the trustees in their action, and the executive committee of the trustees was authorized, Oct. 3, to take conveyances of the lands under contract for the college site and farm. Following is a list of those persons selling land to the trustees, the amount sold and the price received :

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| Henry Cobb,     | 42.73 acres, | \$6,409.50  |
| Chester Cowles, | 60.93 "      | 6,710.00    |
| John Donahue,   | 9.63 "       | 2,170.00    |
| D. K. Bangs,    | 29.69 "      | 2,000.00    |
| L. D. Cowles,   | 144.13 "     | 14,950.00   |
| J. S. Crouch,   | 23.44 "      | 2,760.00    |
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| 310.55          |              | \$34,999.50 |

On the land purchased there were five sets of farm buildings of no great permanent value. Adjoining the estate, and heretofore occupied as parts of two of the farms comprised by it, was a tract of about 73 acres,



which the trustees considered it advisable to control for the future use of the college. Dr. Nathan Durfee of Fall River, treasurer of the corporation, advanced from his private funds \$8,000, taking in his own name deeds of this addition with the proviso that the college might purchase it when able. Although the sum of \$50,000 had been raised by subscription, it was the general desire of the citizens that a tax should be laid covering the full amount, and as a means to this end at the election in November Prof. W. S. Clark was elected a representative to the General Court. At a town-meeting held Nov. 19, it was voted that the selectmen be a committee of the town and instructed to petition the General Court for leave to raise, either by the issue of bonds or direct taxation, the sum of \$50,000 and donate the same to the Agricultural College. It was also voted that the district's representative be requested to see that every effort was made to carry through the General Court an act for the above petition, and that the selectmen might employ help to further the object. The *Express*, in its report of this meeting under date of Nov. 25, says that the sum donated to the college was subscribed and guaranteed by responsible parties. By almost unanimous consent the citizens of the town and subscribers to the fund deemed it best to fund the amount to be raised (and as almost all the tax-payers had subscribed the amount of their tax it would make but very little difference) in the corporate capacity of the town, that payments might be extended through a series of years instead of the full amount being paid at once.

In accordance with the town's vote, the selectmen prepared a petition which was presented to the General Court soon after its assembling in January, 1865. At the risk of some slight repetition, a general summary of the contents of this petition is here presented. The college was incorporated in 1863, the trustees being required to secure, by subscription or otherwise, \$75,000 for buildings as a condition of location. With this condition only four towns ever offered to comply, Northampton, Springfield, Lexington and Amherst. Northampton raised \$75,000 by subscription: Springfield expected to receive \$75,000 from one individual; Lexington relied on one party for \$50,000 and expected to raise the balance by subscription. Residents of Amherst, in town-meeting held Jan. 25, 1864, voted to raise \$50,000 by taxation and \$25,000 by subscription. Application for authority to tax was made to the General Court of 1864, the petition being signed by the selectmen and 447 legal voters, there being no remonstrants. The judiciary committee of the House of Representatives reported a bill granting the desired power. In the absence of the member from Amherst, the bill was loaded down with amendments, and, opposed by the members from Northampton, Springfield and Lexington, was





defeated by the House. The trustees of the college having examined all the farms shown them in the towns named, voted unanimously, May 25, to locate in Amherst, provided \$75,000 was secured to them. Accordingly a tax of \$50,000 was assessed upon the tax-payers and everyone was asked to subscribe the amount of his or her tax. In this manner \$25,000 was subscribed by about 300 tax-payers of the town. While there was no unwillingness to bear the assessment, many felt unable to pay the whole at once. At a town-meeting held July 22, it was voted to hold meetings in different parts of the town for the purpose of raising contributions. At a town-meeting held July 28, it was voted to circulate a pledge among the citizens to see whether they were still in favor of adhering to the vote of Jan. 25, donating \$50,000 to the college. There was no opposition, and in two days 442 tax-payers pledged themselves to adhere to the action of the town and to use all their influence to secure the passage of a law authorizing the town to issue bonds. At a town-meeting held Aug. 1, it was voted to continue the effort to raise the sum of \$50,000, on condition that the subscriptions should be paid unless the town gained authority from the General Court to assume payment. The sum of \$53,000 was pledged, and Aug. 4 the subscription-book was placed in the hands of President French. The latter prepared two legal and unconditional bonds, one for the payment of \$50,000, the other for the payment of \$25,000, to the Massachusetts Agricultural College, in consideration of its location in the town of Amherst. The first was signed by 15 gentlemen, the second by ten, and these bonds were approved by the governor and council.

In 1864, there were held eight public meetings, including five legal town-meetings, for special consideration of the question of giving \$50,000 to the college, and not one word was spoken against the proposition at any meeting. Several articles were published in the *Express* in favor of the proposition and not one against it. There were no remonstrants to the petition of the town to the General Court of 1864. Nov. 8, 1864, W. S. Clark was elected representative to the General Court, with the express understanding that he was to assist in the passage of the desired legislation. Out of 761 votes cast in the district he received 754. The petitioners then called attention to the benefits that would accrue to the town from the location of the college there, and to the undoubted financial ability of the town to meet the expenditure. The valuation of the town was \$2,000,000: it had increased \$500,000 since 1860. Its debt amounted to \$18,000 and it owned \$32,000 in real estate. The rate of taxation in 1864 was \$1.10 on \$100, while the average rate in the state was \$1.45. Since the purchase of the college farm in December, a few selfish and designing men had striven to awaken opposition to the plan which the town had unanimously



voted to adopt, Nov. 8. Having elected a representative to the General Court with the express object of gaining authority to tax the town, they now remonstrated against such taxation, without assigning any reason. Their reason was obvious; they desired to secure the benefit of the college without paying for it, and to compel the public-spirited citizens who, relying upon their honor, had guaranteed the \$50,000, to pay it. Of the 159 remonstrants, 9 never paid a tax in Amherst, 29 signed a solemn pledge in July to use all their influence to obtain authority from the General Court to bond the town, 48 signed either the petitions of 1864 or 1865, and all legal voters either failed to vote for representative or voted for one whom they knew would endeavor to secure the passage of the bill now before the General Court; 12 had signed a paper averring that their names were procured by false statements. The remonstrants paid less than 11 per cent. of the taxes and their leaders were farmers for whose special benefit the college was designed. None of them were distinguished for public spirit. The 484 petitioners comprised all the lawyers, physicians, settled ministers and teachers, including the entire faculty of Amherst College, all merchants, mechanics and business men, as well as a large majority of the most enterprising and successful farmers.

In accordance with this petition, the committee on judiciary brought in a bill authorizing the town to raise \$50,000 for the benefit of the college, on condition that at a legal town-meeting, called for that purpose, two-thirds of those present and voting should be recorded in its favor. This bill was passed by the General Court and approved May 5. At a special town-meeting held May 15, the town voted, 359 to 104, to accept the authority granted by this act. Hon. Edward Dickinson, Leonard M. Hills and A. R. Cushman were appointed a committee to advise with the selectmen and treasurer in relation to the disposal of the bonds. The thanks of the town were voted to Col. W. S. Clark for his successful work in securing the passage of the act.



## CHAPTER LX.

HON. HENRY F. FRENCH ELECTED PRESIDENT.—PLAN FOR ORGANIZATION.—LOCATING THE BUILDINGS.—PROF. PAUL A. CHADBOURNE SUCCEEDS PRESIDENT FRENCH.—INJUNCTION AGAINST THE TOWN.—COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.—BUILDINGS CONTRACTED FOR.—COLLEGE BONDS AND LOANS.—WILLIAM S. CLARK ELECTED PRESIDENT.—REQUISITES FOR ADMISSION.—THE COLLEGE OPENS.—PRESIDENT CLARK'S REPORT.—GRANTS BY THE GENERAL COURT.—NEW BUILDINGS.—GIFTS TO THE COLLEGE.—UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO REMOVE THE COLLEGE FROM STATE CONTROL.

Nov. 29, 1864, Hon. Henry Flagg French was elected by the trustees the first president of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Judge French was born Aug. 14, 1813, at Chester, N. H. He was graduated at Dartmouth College, studied law at Harvard College and was admitted to the New Hampshire bar Aug. 14, 1834. He practiced his profession at Chester, Portsmouth and Exeter, N. H. and at Cambridge and Boston, Mass. He was postmaster of Chester, N. H. in 1840; county solicitor and bank commissioner of Rockingham for several years; judge of the court of common pleas of N. H., 1855-59; assistant district attorney of Suffolk county, Mass., 1862-64. He took a deep interest in agriculture and agricultural education. In 1857, he traveled in Europe for the purpose of studying drainage, and his work on that subject had much to do with the introduction of tile drainage in America. He was associate editor of the *New England Farmer* and wrote much for the *Massachusetts Ploughman*, *Country Gentleman* and other agricultural journals. When elected to the presidency of the Agricultural College, the affairs of that institution were hardly in condition to attract the services of such a successful and distinguished man of affairs as Judge French. The commissioner appointed by the governor to sell the land scrip had disposed of about 100,000 acres at an average price of 80 cents an acre; the proceeds had been deposited with the state treasurer and placed at interest. There was no immediate prospect for the sale of the balance of the scrip.

The college trustees, at a meeting held Feb. 3, 1865, adopted by unanimous vote a plan of organization and course of study, which were



submitted to the governor and council for approval. After a hearing before the latter authorities, the papers were returned, accompanied by the suggestion that approval at that time would be premature. The plan, in outline, was as follows: The estate was to be furnished with model farm buildings, to be erected from time to time as the increasing productiveness of the farm should require; to be supplied with farm implements of the most approved kinds, and stocked with a variety of the best thoroughbred and other animals that might be procured; the farm to be conducted, primarily, for the education of the pupils, by way of illustration in agriculture, horticulture, botany, stock-growing and other affairs. A college building should be erected immediately, for lecture and recitation rooms, library, museums of natural history and of farm implements and products, chemical laboratories, halls for exhibition and military drill, armory and chapel, and rooms for president, librarian and other officers. The college should have a president, to reside at the farm and have general charge of its affairs under the trustees, and a faculty composed of the president, the resident professors and the farm superintendent. There should be established departments of agriculture and horticulture, physics, mathematics, engineering, natural history, chemistry, political economy, philosophy and Christian morals, comparative anatomy and animal physiology including veterinary surgery and medicine, modern language and literature, physical education including military tactics. The general course of study should embrace four years, with permission for shorter elective courses. Applicants for admission as students should be at least 16 years of age and should pass such an examination as is required for admission to the state normal schools and such further examination as might be required. Manual labor should be required daily of every student, under conditions arranged by the faculty, who might allow compensation for extra work. The charge for tuition should be fixed by the trustees, with such free scholarships as might be established by public and private bounty. A comparison of the list of studies recommended by the trustees with that suggested by President Hitchcock in his report in 1851, and with the suggestions made by Gov. Andrew in his address to the General Court in 1863, shows great similarity. The sciences were to be taught with special reference to their application to agriculture.

April 1, 1865, the executive committee of the college trustees leased the college lands for one year at the rate of five per cent. on their cost price. It was proposed to enclose the entire farm with a hedge of pines. May 11, the General Court passed an act granting \$10,000 to the trustees to aid in establishing the college. The trustees held a meeting Aug. 2 at the Amherst house. A plan for the college was adopted, and a building





committee appointed, with full power to locate the necessary buildings and instructions to place them at once under contract. The building committee consisted of President French, Henry F. Hills, Hon. William B. Washburn, Hon. Joseph White, treasurer of Williams College, and Prof. Henry L. Whiting of Martha's Vineyard. They purchased of Dwight Prescho, for \$500, a granite quarry in Pelham and proposed to construct the buildings of stone. In September, President French established an office in the Amherst Academy building. The first load of stone for the buildings was drawn through the streets of Amherst Oct. 7, by M. F. Dickinson. Trouble arose among the trustees concerning the site for the college buildings. It was at first determined to locate the main building on the site of the Henderson house by the side of the county road. Some of the trustees objected, and the services of prominent architects and landscape gardeners were secured to settle the controversy. It was at length decided to locate the buildings on the ridge running north and south near the center of the college grounds. President French took an active part in this controversy, and his resignation, which was tendered and accepted Sept. 29, 1866, was largely due to the feeling that his wishes had not been as fully consulted in the matter as they should have been. After leaving the college Judge French engaged in the practice of law, and from 1876 to 1885 served as assistant secretary of the treasury, at Washington, D. C. He was a contributor to the reports of the agricultural department at Washington and vice-president of the United States Agricultural society. He died from an affection of the heart, at Concord, Mass., Nov. 29, 1885.

In January, 1866, a petition signed by ten legal voters of Amherst was presented to the supreme judicial court, for an injunction to restrain the town and its officers from issuing bonds or raising money to the amount of \$50,000, on credit of the town, for the Agricultural College, under votes of the town passed in pursuance of an act of the General Court. A temporary injunction was granted, and this was not removed until January, 1867. Nov. 7, 1866, Prof. Paul A. Chadbourne of Williams College received the unanimous vote of the trustees for president of the Agricultural College. He accepted the position and entered upon the duties of his office Dec. 1. President Chadbourne was a native of North Berwick, Me., where he was born Oct. 21, 1823. He was fitted for college at Phillips (Exeter) Academy, entered the sophomore class at Williams College in 1845 and was graduated in 1848, being the valedictorian of his class. After graduation he taught school in Frechold, N. J., one year, was principal of the high school at Great Falls, N. H. in 1850, and was subsequently for two years principal of East Windsor (Conn.) Academy. From 1853 until his summons to Amherst he was professor of chemistry, botany and natural



history at Williams College. He conducted a scientific expedition to Newfoundland and Labrador in 1855; one to Florida in 1857 and one to Greenland in 1861. In 1859, he visited Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Greenland and Iceland for the purpose of studying geysers and volcanoes. At about the same time that he received his call to Amherst he was offered the presidency of two other institutions, the State University of Wisconsin and the Worcester College, just organized.

The trustees, at their meetings held during the year 1866, decided that the first term at the college should begin Oct. 2, 1867. It was proposed that two courses of instruction should be offered, a regular four-years' course and a special course of lectures, exclusively agricultural, to be given every winter. A list of studies for the four-years' course was adopted. Provision was to be made the first year for a freshman class only. Students completing the full course should be entitled to the degree of B. Sc. Students not intending to graduate might enter the institution at any time and select any two studies which they were fitted to pursue and attend any lectures of the course. The following buildings were contracted for, at the prices named, to be completed by Aug. 1: A dormitory 100 x 50 feet, four stories high, the upper stories to afford accommodations for 48 students, leaving the lower story for recitation-rooms, cabinets and a library-room; the cost to be \$30,000; a laboratory, 46 x 57 feet, two stories high, costing \$9,350; a boarding house, where board could be furnished for 50 students, costing \$5,050. The sum of \$20,000 was pledged to the trustees for the express purpose of establishing and maintaining a botanic garden, one-half by L. M. & H. F. Hills, one-half by Dr. Nathan Durfee of Fall River. During the year Levi Stockbridge was elected farm superintendent and instructor in agriculture. The bids for constructing the college buildings of stone were largely in excess of the architects' estimates and it was decided to use brick and wood. The dormitory was to be built of brick, the laboratory, a temporary structure, of wood. Provision was also made for building a house for the president, and a model barn; the estimated cost of all the buildings was \$65,000. During the year the General Court passed an act locating at the college the state agricultural library and cabinets.

When the decision of the supreme court was rendered, dissolving the injunction against the town, Agricultural College bonds were at once prepared, in denominations of \$250, \$500 and \$1,000, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. The interest only was payable up to 1870; after that date \$2,000 was to be paid on the principal each year. Owing to a change in the rate of interest by legal enactment, the town was able to dispose during the first year of only \$15,750 of these bonds, but \$10,000 of them was used as collateral security in raising funds to make necessary



payments. In 1868, the town voted to destroy the remaining bonds, amounting in face value to \$34,000, and secured a loan of \$32,000 from the state treasurer, payable on the same conditions as were the bonds. The town was also compelled to pay \$1,461.39 during the year for legal expenses incurred in fighting the injunction.

Early in January, 1867, W. S. Clark accepted the professorship of horticulture and botany at the college. June 1, President Chadbourne, owing to continued ill health, tendered his resignation, which the trustees accepted with regret. Aug. 7, the trustees elected W. S. Clark as his successor. William S. Clark, son of Dr. Atherton and Harriet (Smith) Clark, was born July 31, 1826, at Ashfield. He was fitted for college at Williston Seminary, entering Amherst College in 1844 and graduating in 1848. For two years after graduation he taught the sciences at Williston seminary, then went abroad and studied chemistry and botany at Göttingen University, Germany, receiving the degree of Ph. D. from that institution in 1852. From 1852 to 1858, he was professor of chemistry, botany and zoölogy at Amherst College, and professor of chemistry at that institution from 1858 to 1867. When the civil war broke out in 1861, he was commissioned major of the 21st Mass. regiment, being promoted successively to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and colonel in 1862. He took part in all the battles of the regiment up to Antietam, behaving with conspicuous gallantry. On resigning his commission in 1863, he returned to his duties at Amherst College.

Early in January, 1867, the trustees of the Agricultural College arranged for a course of lectures by distinguished scientists to be delivered at the college the next winter, the lectures numbering 90 and to be delivered within a period of six weeks. These were not designed especially for the students, but for a large class of farmers who could not become students at the college and could not devote their time to study at any other season of the year. It was proposed to give such a course of lectures each year. The regular course at the college was to comprise four years, but arrangements would be made for "term scholars," whereby persons who could not take the full course might attend for one or more terms and take all or any part of the regular studies as desired. Each student was to have a plot of ground which he should be obliged to cultivate and on which he might try such experiments as he saw fit. Any student willing to do so might pay a part of his tuition by labor on the farm. A large boarding-house was to be erected, where all the students would board, paying only enough to defray expenses.

Work on the foundation for the main college building was begun in March and completed early in April. At a meeting of the trustees held in Amherst, May 8, it was voted to erect two buildings for botanical purposes,



on or near the site of the old Henderson place, at a cost of \$13,000. Work was begun on one of these buildings, afterwards known as the Durfee plant-house, about July 1. The Hampshire Agricultural society voted to establish a scholarship at the college; a similar offer was made by Austin Eastman. In August, President Clark made the following announcement: Applicants for admission to the college must be at least 14 years of age, must bring from a pastor or teacher a certificate of good moral character, and must furnish bonds for the prompt payment of tuition and board. They must provide their own bedding and furniture, except stoves. Tuition would be \$12 per term, room-rent \$5 per term, board from \$3 to \$3.50 per week, the former being the established rate at the college boarding-house. The further announcement was made in September, that "Every student will labor six hours per week as directed, without pay, for the purpose of learning the operations of the farm and garden." Any student would be permitted to labor 12 hours per week for wages under the direction of the farm superintendent in term-time, and would be furnished work at fair prices in vacation if desired. Entrance examinations were held Oct. 1. Eight young men residing in Amherst were admitted to the entering class, by name as follows: M. F. Casey, William Barrows, Jr., George G. Graves, A. L. Bassett, F. A. Hall, G. H. Eastman, W. H. Cary, G. H. Bell. Dinner was first served at the boarding-house Oct. 2.

At the meeting of the trustees when W. S. Clark was elected president, Ebenezer S. Snell was elected professor of mathematics and Henry H. Goodell professor of modern languages. These men, together with the president, and the farm superintendent, who was also instructor in agriculture, composed the faculty of the college the first year it was in active operation. The dormitory, the laboratory and the boarding-house were completed during the summer months, and the college was opened Oct. 2, with an entering class which numbered 47 before the end of the term. During the year the botanic museum was completed at a cost of \$5,180, and the Durfee plant-house at a cost of \$12,000. Plans and specifications were procured for a model barn and \$7,000 was appropriated for its construction. The sum of \$6,000 was taken from the building fund and applied to the purchase of additional land, the size of the college farm being increased to 383 1-2 acres. In his annual report of the college dated Jan. 1, 1868, President Clark stated that "unless other buildings were provided the present class must be retained four years, and when graduated another class of 50 could be admitted. If, however, another dormitory, another boarding-house and two dwelling-houses for professors should be erected the following summer, another class of 60 could be accommodated. This would require an expenditure of about \$50,000. It was the intention of the board of trustees to enter upon a course of experiments on the farm





such as might be suggested by the Board of Agriculture. During the fall term all students had been required to labor, without pay, two hours every other day, and those who wished were paid for additional labor at the rate of 12 1-2 cents per hour. Thirty-six members of the class had voluntarily worked for wages. The members of the college averaged over 17 years in age. A young man of good talents, healthy and willing to work, could gain at the college a superior education for \$100 per annum, in addition to what he could earn on the premises. The college trustees requested that the governor be authorized to issue to the president of the college such military arms and equipments as might in his judgment be so issued without detriment to the military service. During the year the college had received the following donations: From J. T. Ames of Chicopee, some 50 specimens of rare plants for the botanic garden; from Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, a carload of valuable plants comprising 1,300 specimens; from Dr. Nathan Durfee, one Cotswold and one Southdown buck; from Thomas H. Buffum, one Southdown buck; from friends of the college, over 100 volumes of valuable agricultural works, to serve as a nucleus for a college library. The college catalog for the year contained the names of 56 freshmen, of whom 13 were residents of Amherst, the remainder, with the exception of two, coming from other towns in Massachusetts. The financial statement showed that the total amount received from the sale of 360,000 acres of land was \$236,307.40, or an average of a little more than 65 cents an acre. Of this amount \$29,778.40 had been expended for a farm. The fund amounted to \$207,424.65, the annual income at six per cent. to \$12,445.48. Two-thirds of this income, to which the college was entitled, would amount to \$8,296.99. The liabilities of the college, Jan. 1, 1868, were \$29,727.61; the available funds, \$25,446.87.

President Clark was well qualified by ability, by temperament and by experience to guide and control the first effort made by the state of Massachusetts toward providing a means for education in scientific agriculture for its inhabitants. He realized fully the needs and advantages of such education and had an abiding faith in the success of the college. He knew that this success could not be attained in full measure except the state took a genuine interest in the institution and provided generously for its financial needs. It was the child of the state and as such had the best of claims for full recognition and support. In appealing to the state for aid for the college, President Clark did not esteem himself as one asking an alms, but rather as an agent whose duty it was to make of greatest value and usefulness the state property entrusted to his charge. It is well to bear these facts in mind in reviewing the events of President Clark's administration. Others before him had labored long and faithfully to make an agricultural college a possibility, but his it was to assist at its

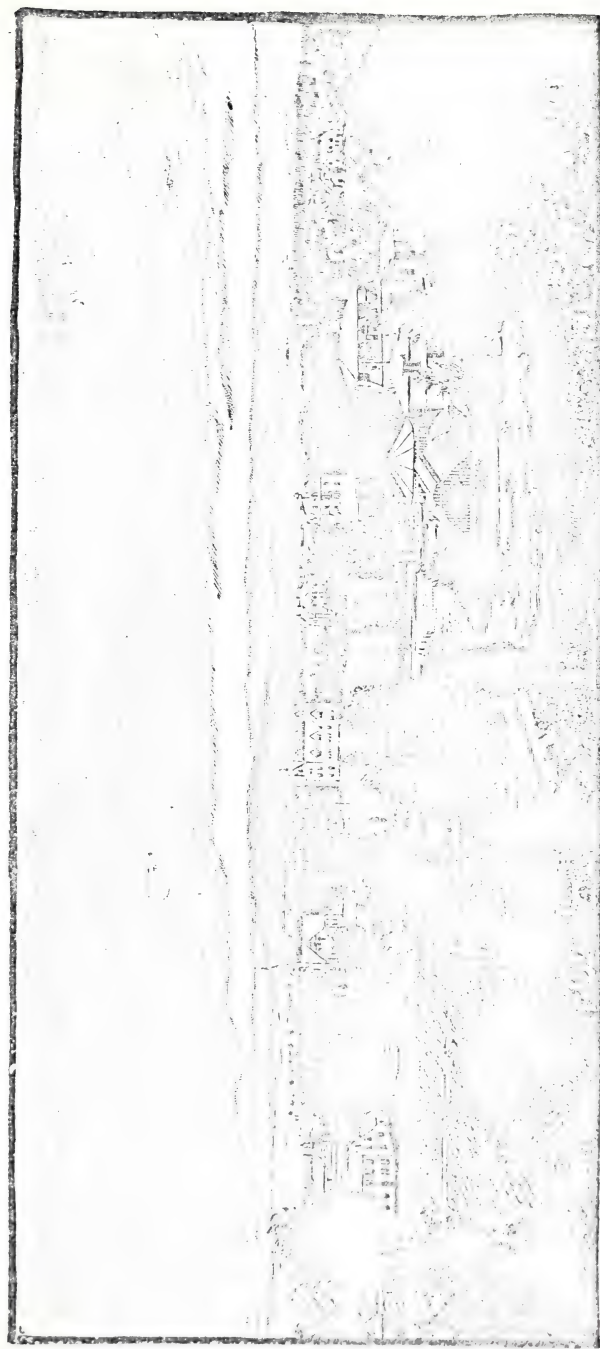


inauguration, to direct its earliest efforts, to gain for it the favor of governors and legislators and the general public. An experiment when he assumed control, he made it a valuable factor in the educational system of the Commonwealth. An enthusiasm less dominant, a courage less devoted, might well have yielded to the discouragements attendant on its opening struggles for existence. His name must be inscribed with those of Edward Hitchcock and Marshall P. Wilder, men who were the real founders of the college.

In December, 1867, the Botanic Museum was completed and President Clark established his office there. The trustees of the college realized that if a new class was to be admitted in the fall new buildings were a necessity. The building fund provided by the town of Amherst had been practically exhausted and aid must come, if at all, from the state. During the month of February a petition was circulated among the members of the Hampshire Agricultural society, and signed generally by them, urging the General Court to appropriate \$50,000 for additional buildings for the college. Feb. 26, some 200 members of the General Court paid a visit to Amherst and the college. Leaving Boston by special train, they were met at the Amherst station by a procession of teams headed by the Cataract Engine company. This procession made its way up Main street, thence to and around the Amherst College buildings, stopping at Agricultural hall, where a dinner provided by the citizens was served. After the dinner, the Agricultural College students gave an exhibition in gymnastics under the direction of Professor Goodell. The visitors then took teams and visited and inspected the Agricultural College grounds and buildings.

Under the terms of the United States grant, the college was required to furnish training in military tactics. To comply with this requirement was, at the first, no easy matter. There was no drill-hall, no military equipment, no member of the faculty who had made a special study of military training. Fortunately, however, the college had secured the services of one, Professor Goodell, whose knowledge of military affairs was gained by service in the Union armies. Under his direction the students received such training as the resources of the institution would permit. In March, 1868, the General Court passed a resolve authorizing the governor to issue arms and equipments to the college. During the month President Clark acknowledged the receipt from the state of 60 Springfield rifles and equipments, for use of the students. It was not until the following year that the first detail was made of an officer of the United States army to serve as a military instructor at the college. The members of the General Court who visited the college in February were favorably impressed with what they saw at the institution; May 1, a resolve was passed granting \$50,000 to the college for the erection of new buildings. The trustees met at





MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE GROUNDS.



Boston, May 11, when they adopted a plan for a new dormitory calculated to accommodate 60 students, to cost \$35,000 and to be completed by Sept. 1. Ground was broken for the new building May 15 and it was completed during the summer months. A new boarding-house was also erected at a cost of \$8,000.

President Clark realized that if the college was to succeed it must attract and hold the attention and interest of the agricultural community. As one means of accomplishing this end, he induced the New England Agricultural society to hold a field trial of plows on the college farm in May. There was a large attendance of farmers and persons interested in agriculture on this occasion, which served to attract the attention of the public to the college. The country meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was held at the college in December. The report of President Clark for the year ending Jan. 1, 1869, stated that 23 scholarships were maintained by agricultural societies throughout the state. The suggestion was made that friends of the college should establish a labor fund for the payment of students who desired to work upon the farm. Prof. S. F. Miller of Chicago, Ill. had succeeded Prof. Snell in charge of the department of mathematics; Prof. C. A. Goessmann of Syracuse, N. Y. had been elected professor of chemistry. The department of gymnastics and military tactics was under direction of Prof. H. H. Goodell. The entering class in the fall numbered 41. The needs of the college for the ensuing year were summed up by President Clark as follows: For a barn, 100 x 50 feet, \$8,000; for a farmhouse, \$5,000; for a supply of running water, \$5,000; for tools, a tool-house, fencing, grading, roads, tile and purchase of stock, \$10,000; for a gymnasium, drill-hall and armory, \$8,000; for a building for an agricultural museum, lecture-rooms, offices, library, reading-room and chapel, \$40,000; for furnishings, fittings, and apparatus, \$10,000; for a president's house, \$14,000. In addition to this sum of \$100,000, an additional \$50,000 would be needed the next year for another dormitory and houses for the faculty.

April 25, 1869, the General Court passed a resolve allowing \$50,000 to the college for the erection of buildings and other purposes. During the year these buildings were erected: A dwelling-house for the farm superintendent, at a cost of \$4,000; a barn, costing \$9,000; "College hall," at a cost of \$20,000. "College hall" was a wooden structure, 60 x 97 feet, three stories in height. In the first story was a chapel 60 x 40 feet, and four rooms occupied by students in practical chemistry. In the second story was a hall for drawing, also used as a recitation and lecture-room by the professor of mathematics and engineering, a chemistry lecture-room and office, and the private laboratory and apparatus-room of the professor of chemistry. In the third story was a military hall, and an armory. The





old chemical laboratory was incorporated in the new edifice. A reservoir was constructed on the hill, southeast of the plant-house, and the new barn and farm-house were supplied with running water. The Durfee plant-house was filled with specimens of about 1,000 species of such plants as are most important in a scientific and economic point of view. Hundreds of fruit-trees and thousands of grape-vines were set out. Hon. William Knowlton presented to the college \$2,000, for the purchase of the herbarium collected by William W. Denslow, which was known thereafter as the Knowlton herbarium. Henry E. Alvord, U. S. A., was detailed for duty at the college, as professor of military science and tactics. This detail was made by the government at Washington, in furtherance of the purpose outlined in the original land-grant, to promote a knowledge of military affairs in connection with an education in agriculture and the mechanic arts. The second national exhibition of agricultural machines, instituted by the New England Agricultural society, was held on the college grounds in June, lasting four days. The roll of students in attendance during the year contained the names of 35 juniors, 41 sophomores, 24 freshmen and a "select class" of 19.

The endowment fund of the college produced a revenue inadequate for the payment of its expenses. A new institution, engaged in a practically new field of educational enterprise, its wants were many and pressing. In supplying these wants a considerable debt was incurred, growing larger every year. June 18, 1870, the General Court passed a resolve allowing the college \$25,000 for the payment of debts. The constant demands upon the state treasury by an institution yet in its infancy were viewed with alarm by conservative citizens of the Commonwealth. This feeling culminated in an effort to relieve the state of all further responsibility for the college toward which it held the relation of a foster mother. The General Court, at its session in 1870, appointed the secretary of the Board of Education and the secretary of the Board of Agriculture a committee, with directions to devise a plan, if practicable, by which the college might, without expense to the Commonwealth, be organized as an independent institution, in analogy with other colleges of the Commonwealth, and also to inquire whether the term of study at the college might not be reduced. The obvious intent of this inquiry was to limit, if possible, the growth of the college, and to prevent the full development of the plan which had been unanimously adopted by the trustees, with the approval of the governor and Council. Hon. Joseph White, secretary of the Board of Education, made a careful and exhaustive investigation of the subject, ably assisted by Secretary Flint of the Board of Agriculture. A report based on the results of this investigation was submitted to the General Court in 1871. This report was to the effect that it was not practicable to sever the connection between the college and the Commonwealth and withhold from it further



aid; also, that any considerable reduction of the prescribed course of study would violate the terms of the congressional grant. It recommended: That the sum of \$50,000 be granted to the college trustees to be expended in the erection of a new building and otherwise completing its establishment; that the sum of \$150,000 be added to the fund derived from the congressional grant; that the board of trustees be authorized to fill vacancies in their own number. In accordance with these recommendations, the General Court passed, May 26, an act authorizing the trustees to elect their own successors; also, on the same date, a resolve allowing the college \$50,000 for the payment of debts and of current expenses, and adding \$141,535.35 to the perpetual fund of the college; also, a resolve ordering 10,000 extra copies of the annual report of the college to be printed. Thus the movement instituted to separate the college from the state and close the door to future state appropriations, resulted in binding the two more closely together and securing to the college a most generous sum from the state treasury.

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## CHAPTER LXI.

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GRADUATION OF THE FIRST CLASS.—ENDOWMENT OF PRIZES.—ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED.—CHANGES IN THE FACULTY.—LABOR FUND ESTABLISHED.—EXPERIMENTAL WORK.—FREE SCHOLARSHIPS.—HARD TIMES AT THE COLLEGE.—PRESIDENT CLARK'S RESIGNATION.—REORGANIZATION.—CHARLES L. FLINT ELECTED PRESIDENT.—LEVI STOCKBRIDGE SUCCEEDS PRESIDENT FLINT.—FINAL ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE COLLEGE FROM STATE CONTROL.—PROPOSAL TO RAISE A COLLEGE FUND.—PAUL A. CHADBOURNE ELECTED PRESIDENT.

During the year 1870, the number of students at the college increased largely, so that the dormitories were unable to properly accommodate them. Instruction in the regular course was given by the president and six regular professors, with assistance in special departments by non-resident lecturers. A series of special experiments were undertaken by the agricultural department in connection with the cultivation of the sugar-beet. It was



proposed to erect a small sugar factory on the farm to work up the product. In his annual report for the year President Clark made the statement: "The Agricultural College ought to be made an experimental station, similar to those so common in Germany." John C. Dillon was appointed farm superintendent in April. Prof. Samuel F. Miller died Oct. 28. Rev. Henry W. Parker was elected professor of mental, moral and social science, and college preacher.

Governor Claflin, in his message to the General Court in 1871, spoke of the college in the highest terms and favored the extension of further aid from the state. During the year, Selim H. Peabody was elected professor of mathematics, physics and civil engineering. Miss Mary Robinson donated \$2,000 for the endowment of a scholarship. The year 1871 was made memorable by the graduation from the college of its first class. Forty-nine years before, in August, 1822, Amherst College graduated its first class numbering three members. The entering class at the Agricultural College in 1867 numbered on its admission 47; on its graduation in July, 1871, its membership had decreased to 27, a little more than one-half the original number. Of the thirteen young men residing in Amherst who had entered the class but one was graduated, Andrew L. Bassett. Commencement exercises were held July 17, 18 and 19. Among those in attendance were Governor Claflin, several members of his staff and of the Council, Hon. Justin S. Morrill of Vermont, author of the bill under whose provisions the college was established, Prof. Louis Agassiz and many other distinguished men, including a majority of the board of trustees and overseers. There was also a very large attendance of persons residing in Amherst and vicinity, who showed great interest in the occasion, many of the houses in the village and on the street leading north to the college grounds being handsomely illuminated. The first public exercise was held Monday evening, July 17, consisting of prize declamations by members of the lower classes. On Tuesday afternoon the class-day exercises were held. On Tuesday evening Dr. George B. Loring delivered an address before the literary societies of the college; this was followed by a reception given to Gov. Claflin, which was attended by several hundred persons. Senator Morrill delivered an address, the students gave a torch-light parade, music was provided by the Springfield Armory band, there was a fine display of fireworks and an artillery salute was fired at midnight. On Wednesday morning the cadets were reviewed upon the campus by the governor. The graduation exercises were held in College hall, which was crowded to the doors. The exercises included orations by members of the graduating class, brief congratulatory remarks by Prof. Louis Agassiz, an address by Governor Claflin and an historical address by Hon. Marshall



P. Wilder. The degrees of B. Sc. were conferred upon the members of the graduating class by President Clark.

The class on graduation established the first class scholarship. July 21, the Agricultural College crew won the first regatta of the Rowing Association of American Colleges, held on the Connecticut river at Springfield. Nearly all the prominent colleges in the Eastern states were represented at this regatta, colleges where rowing had been an established feature of athletics for many years. The victory of the Agricultural College crew, over such distinguished competitors, was a matter of surprise to all and of great gratification to the friends of the college. They rowed over the three-miles course in 16 min. 46 1-2 sec., then the fastest time on record. This victory proved a valuable advertisement for the college. During the year 1872, Levi Stockbridge was elected full professor of agriculture; Abner H. Merrill, U. S. A., succeeded Henry E. Alvord as professor of military science and tactics. It was in 1872 that the college secured the services of one of the best-known American scientists of his day, Henry James Clark, B. A., B. Sc., in its department of comparative anatomy and veterinary science. Prof. Clark was a native of Easton, a graduate of the University of the city of New York in 1848 and of the Lawrence Scientific school at Cambridge in 1854. He studied under Prof. Louis Agassiz, served for several years as his private assistant, and was spoken of by him as "the most accurate observer in the country." He served Harvard College as adjunct professor of zoölogy five years, and was connected with other prominent literary institutions. He died July 1, 1873, while still a member of the faculty of the Agricultural College.

The year 1873 was made notable by the establishment of the Farnsworth rhetorical, the Grinnell agricultural, the Hills botanical and the Peabody entomological prizes. Hon. William Claflin donated to the college \$1,000, for the endowment of prizes to be awarded each year to those two members of the graduating class who should pass the best oral and written examinations in the theory and practice of agriculture; he called them the Grinnell prizes in honor of George B. Grinnell, Esq. of New York. The Farnsworth rhetorical prizes were endowed in the sum of \$1,500 by Isaac D. Farnsworth, Esq. The Hills botanical prizes were founded by L. M. and H. F. Hills. The Peabody entomological prize was given by Prof. Selim H. Peabody.

The year 1874 was marked by increased activity and growth at the college. Several important changes were made in the faculty. Professor Peabody resigned; Samuel T. Maynard, a graduate of the college in the class of '72, was elected gardener and assistant professor of horticulture; William B. Graves was elected professor of mathematics, physics and civil engineering. During the commencement week in July, an organization was





formed under the name of the "Associate Alumni of the Agricultural College." June 5, the General Court passed a resolve allowing \$18,000 in aid of the college. An experiment was undertaken with a squash-vine to test the power of plant-growth. The squash was placed in harness and lifted a weight of two and one-half tons. Professor Stockbridge engaged in a series of interesting experiments with special fertilizers. In his annual report for the year, President Clark again called attention to the importance of establishing an agricultural experiment station in connection with the college. During the year the college trustees entered into an important agreement with the corporation of Boston University, upon the following terms: The trustees agreed, on behalf of the college, that matriculants in the university desiring to pursue any regular or special course of instruction presented at the college should be at liberty to do so on the same terms and conditions as other persons, and on completing the course to the satisfaction of the authorities of both institutions should be entitled to the appropriate degree, either from the college or the university, or from both as they might prefer. The university agreed that so long as this course was found satisfactory it would refrain from organizing an independent college of agriculture and would give its cordial support and influence to building up the Agricultural College. Under this agreement, students at the college might become members of the university and receive its diploma in addition to that of the college.

In 1875, C. A. L. Totten, U. S. A., succeeded A. H. Merrill as professor of military science and tactics. Prof. C. A. Goessmann made an extensive investigation concerning the composition and manurial value of commercial fertilizers. Prof. Charles S. Sargent of Boston donated to the college several thousands of specimens of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants. The Hampshire Agricultural society offered two prizes, one of \$30 and one of \$20, to those two students coming from towns within the limits of the society who should make the greatest improvement in scholarship during their freshman year. April 26, 1876, Dr. Nathan Durfee of Fall River, treasurer of the college from its establishment, its staunch friend and one of the most liberal of its benefactors, was removed by death. April 28, the General Court passed a resolve allowing the college \$5,000 for current expenses. May 20, President Clark left Amherst for Japan, where he had been summoned by the imperial government to assist in the organization of an agricultural college. In his absence, the government of the college was committed to the hands of Professor Stockbridge. Noah Cressy, elected professor of veterinary science in 1873, resigned his office in 1876. By vote of the trustees, the date for holding the commencement exercises was changed from July to June. Of the 24 members of the graduating class 21 received the degree of B. Sc. from Boston University. Lieutenant Totten instituted the practice, which has been continued since 1876, of presenting



military diplomas to the members of the graduating class; he also gave the first military prize.

May 16, 1877, the General Court passed a resolve allowing \$5,000 for the payment of current expenses at the college, one-half to be used in payment for manual labor by the students. When President Hitchcock first outlined a plan for an agricultural college, he recommended that such of the students as desired to labor upon the college farm in excess of the amount required of every student should receive suitable compensation. President Clark was an early and earnest advocate of the establishment of a labor fund, and it was doubtless owing to his influence that the General Court made this appropriation. In 1877, Professor Stockbridge donated \$1,000 to the college, to be used for experimental purposes. A new greenhouse, 100 x 17 feet, was erected with funds provided by Hon. William Knowlton. During the year President Clark returned from Japan, and in his annual report for 1877 gave a description of the agricultural college which he had established at Sapporo, Japan. The first professors at that institution were William Wheeler, David P. Penhallow and William P. Brooks, all graduates of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Thus the institution while yet in its infancy exerted a powerful educational influence upon the "Yankees of the East."

In order to make the college popular among the agricultural classes in the state, and to lessen the burden of expense to those in moderate circumstances who were desirous of gaining an education in scientific agriculture, the trustees established in 1878 150 free scholarships for students entering the college that year. The college received by bequest of Whiting Street, Esq. \$1,000 for the establishment of a scholarship. Charles Morris succeeded C. A. L. Tøtten in charge of the military department. In the annual report for the year 1878, a record is made of the work conducted during the year by the "Massachusetts Experimental Station," established by Professor Stockbridge. Extensive experiments were made with "Minnesota early amber cane" for the production of sugar. A sorghum mill was set up on the college estate, but the results obtained were not favorable, indicating that the cane would not prove profitable as a crop in this section. Professor Stockbridge also conducted experiments in the department of soils towards water and various manures.

With the year 1879, hard times came to the college. For several years its current expenses had considerably exceeded its income and it incurred a debt which grew larger every year. April 24, the General Court passed an act granting \$32,000 to the college to pay existing indebtedness, at the same time making the trustees personally liable for any debt thereafter incurred, in excess of the income of the college. June 12, the trustees, owing to the diminished income, sold at auction all the blooded



stock belonging to the college, except the Ayrshire herd. May 1, President Clark resigned his office. Elected in 1867, he had served the college faithfully and well for twelve years, giving it at all times the best fruits of his ripened intellect. It was with genuine regret that the trustees accepted his resignation, regret that was shared by members of the faculty, alumni and undergraduates of the college. In 1879, on leaving Amherst, he was made president of a "floating college," which enterprise, owing to the death of its originator, Mr. Woodruff, was abandoned. He subsequently turned his attention to mining operations, becoming the Eastern agent of several gold and silver mining companies in the West, having his office in New York city. He held many public offices of trust and responsibility. From 1859 to 1861, he was a member at large of the State Board of Agriculture, and member *ex-officio* from 1867 to 1879. In 1864, he was presidential elector and secretary of the electoral college. He was representative to the General Court in 1864 (receiving every vote in the district but seven), 1865 and 1867; president of the Hampshire Agricultural society, 1860, 1861 and 1870; trustee of Williston Seminary, Easthampton, 1863-76, and president of the board, 1874-76; was also a trustee and vice-president of the trustees of Amherst Academy several years. He was one of a commission of three appointed by Gov. Andrew in 1863 to consider the expediency of establishing a state military academy. Amherst College bestowed upon him the degree of LL. D. in 1874. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; member of the Massachusetts Horticultural and New England Agricultural societies; honorary member of the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture, and resident member of the New England Historic Genealogical society. He was faithful in the performance of all the duties of citizenship and during his long residence in Amherst took a prominent part in public affairs. He died from an affection of the heart, at Amherst, March 9, 1886.

The hard times of 1879 led to the reorganization of the college on a sound business basis. Current expenses were reduced \$10,000 a year, sufficient to bring them within the college income. One professorship was abolished and the president's salary was withheld. The salaries of the professors and the treasurer were cut down. A considerable saving was made in the janitor's work and in the office of farm superintendent. During the year Charles L. Flint was elected president, remaining in office until March 24, 1880, when he resigned. Charles L. Flint was the first secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, holding the office nearly 30 years. In 1863, he was elected secretary of the board of trustees of the Agricultural College and was continued in office 22 years. The year that he served as president of the college was the most stormy in its existence. He served without pay, and so great was his interest in the college he subscribed, in



the closing year of his life, \$1,000 to its permanent library fund. Prof. H. W. Parker resigned in 1879; during the same year Samuel T. Maynard was elected full professor of botany and horticulture. A statement of the financial condition of the college for the year ending Jan. 1, 1880, gives the following figures:

Real estate, \$200,000; farm stock, appraised at \$2,747; implements, vehicles, etc., \$1,005.50; farm produce on hand, \$2,019.25.

Resources: Income of fund in state treasury, \$12,000; from other funds, \$700; from tuition, room-rent, etc., \$3,500; total, \$16,200.

Expenditures: Salary account, \$10,100; current expense account, \$4,000; extra instruction, \$800; total, \$14,900. In the expense account no allowance was made for the salary of the president. During the year 1879 the price of tuition was reduced to \$12 per term.

In April, 1880, Levi Stockbridge was elected president of the college. Mr. Stockbridge had been connected with the college since 1866, previous to the admission of its first class, and was thoroughly acquainted with all the needs and all the workings of the institution. He had been the right-hand man of President Clark in the successful launching of the new enterprise and during the president's absence in Japan had full charge at the college. He had made the first donation to the college for the purpose of founding an experiment department and had personally conducted the first experiments made. He was the man for the time and place, and his thorough knowledge of the needs of the institution coupled with his sound common-sense made his services of the greatest value.

It was in 1880 that Massachusetts, through some of its officials, made a second and final effort to sever the connection existing between the college and the state: An act passed by the General Court in 1879, constituted the governor and Council a commission to examine into the status of the institution, with the intention of severing its connection with and releasing the state from its obligations and guarantees to the general government respecting the college. This committee submitted its report to the General Court in 1880, practically recommending that the college, with its real and personal estate, and the trust funds received from the United States for its specific support, should be given to Amherst College and any further effort toward its maintenance by the state should be abandoned. The resolve creating the commission and defining its duties was so peculiarly worded that its members had little or no discretionary powers and were practically compelled to submit the report they did. But the proposition was so radical and so subversive of the integrity of the state, it gained no favor at the hands of the public and no effort was made by the General Court to accept the proposal or give it legal force. It served to attract to the college the sympathy and support of the agricultural community and







the friends of higher education for those engaged in agricultural pursuits.

There was no serious diminution in the number of students at the college in 1880. More than the usual interest was manifested by the students in their work. The class of '82 erected a handsome fountain on the grass plot in front of the college buildings at an expense of \$250. The college battalion attended and took part as a military organization in the celebration of the anniversary of the settlement of Boston, Sept. 17; the cadets won high praise from press and public on their appearance and behavior. The exercises of commencement week were held at the college chapel instead of in the village as heretofore. The college grounds were connected with the mains of the Amherst Water company, a contract being made with the company for water supply at the rate of \$150 a year. Work was suspended at the experiment station owing to a lack of funds. William Wheeler was elected the first alumni trustee.

The attempts to bring the college to a high state of efficiency with the small income at its command having proved unavailing, a joint convention was held at the college June 22, 1881, to consider what might be done to remedy this defect. The members of this convention consisted of the governor, the members of the Council, of the college board of trustees and of the Board of Agriculture. Gov. John D. Long presided, and at his request Hon. Daniel Needham of the board of trustees gave a statement of the condition and needs of the college. At the close of his address he presented a series of resolutions, the final paragraph reading as follows: "Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the perfect means for the establishment of a large permanent fund for the college, in addition to its present endowment, that its usefulness shall be made commensurate with the designs of its originators, and its scholarships brought within the reach of all the youth of the Commonwealth." After a full discussion, these resolutions were unanimously adopted and a committee was appointed to consider the subject and submit to the college trustees a plan for action. At the annual meeting of the trustees this committee reported in favor of raising a fund of \$100,000 by subscription, in sums of \$1,000 each, payable in ten installments of \$100 each, the fund, when raised, to be handed over by the committee to the treasurer of the college as a permanent fund. This committee was to be perpetuated, vacancies being filled by the board of trustees, for ten years, during which time the subscription should be open. During the year 1881, Prof. W. B. Graves resigned and Charles L. Harrington was appointed professor of mathematics, physics and civil engineering. Lieut. Victor H. Bridgman, U. S. A., was detailed as professor of military science and tactics.

Levi Stockbridge resigned as president of the college Jan. 12, 1882, and the same month Hon. Paul A. Chadbourne was elected to fill the



vacancy. During the brief period that Dr. Chadbourne had been connected with the institution, in 1866 and 1867, he had shown such an intelligent interest and zeal in the management of its affairs that the friends of the college felt great satisfaction when he accepted the office for a second time. He entered at once upon the duties of the office and the year that followed was one of activity and prosperity at the college. It was a genuine shock to all who had the interests of the institution at heart when President Chadbourne died, Feb. 23, 1883. He held many public offices of honor and distinction. In 1876, he was presidential elector-at-large, and in 1880 chairman of the republican state convention. In 1881-82 he was engaged in the editorial supervision of "The Wealth of the United States" and "Public Service of New York." He was a director in several mills at Williamstown, in the Berkshire Life Insurance company and the North Adams Savings bank. For several years he was a member of the State Board of Agriculture. He received honorary degrees from the Berkshire Medical College, from Amherst College and Williams College.

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## CHAPTER LXII.

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THE STATE EXPERIMENT STATION ORGANIZED.—JAMES C. GREENOUGH ELECTED PRESIDENT.—NEW BUILDINGS ERECTED.—HENRY H. GOODELL ELECTED PRESIDENT.—HATCH EXPERIMENT STATION FORMED.—GRANT BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.—ADDITIONS TO COLLEGE EQUIPMENT.—STATE APPROPRIATIONS.—STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.—VALUE OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE COLLEGE.

In 1882, Prof. Charles L. Harrington resigned, being succeeded by Austin B. Bassett. The General Court, May 12, 1882, passed a resolve allowing \$9,000 for the erection of a drill-hall and for repairs. On the same date an act was passed providing for the establishment of the Massachusetts State Agricultural Experiment Station. The provisions of this act were as follows: An agricultural experiment station should be established and maintained at the Agricultural College. The management should be vested in a board of control of seven persons, of which the governor of the state should be president *ex-officio*, and of which two members should be elected from the State Board of Agriculture, by said board; two from the trustees of the Agricultural College, by said trustees; one from the Massachusetts Soci-



ety for Promoting Agriculture, by said society; the remaining member to be the president of the Agricultural College. The board of control should hold an annual meeting in January, at which time it should make to the General Court a detailed report of all moneys expended by its order, and of the results of the experiments and investigations conducted at the station, which detailed report should be published in the annual report of the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. Two members of the board of control should be retired each year, and their successors should be elected by the bodies respectively which such retiring members represented, save in the case of the president of the Agricultural College, who should not be retired. The board of control should appoint a director, a chemist and all necessary assistants and should provide suitable and necessary apparatus and appliances for the purpose of conducting experiments and investigations in the following subjects: 1st, the causes, prevention and remedies of the diseases of domestic animals, plants and trees; 2d, the history and habits of insects destructive to vegetation and the means of abating them; 3d, the manufacture and composition of both foreign and domestic fertilizers, their several values and their adaptability to different crops and soils; 4th, the values, under all conditions, as food for all farm animals, for various purposes, of the several forage, grain and root crops; 5th, the comparative value of green and dry forage, and the cost of producing and preserving it in the best condition; 6th, the adulteration of any article of food intended for the use of men or animals; and in any other subjects which might be deemed advantageous to the agriculture and horticulture of the Commonwealth. There should be paid from the state treasury to the treasurer of the board of control before July 1, 1882, the sum of \$3,000, to establish, prepare and equip the station, and for the maintenance of the station there should thereafter be paid the sum of \$5,000 annually in regular quarterly installments.

On the death of President Chadbourne, in January, 1883, Prof. H. H. Goodell was chosen acting president of the college, remaining in charge until September. July 5, James C. Greenough, principal of the State Normal school at Providence, R. I., was elected to the presidency. During the year the drill-hall was completed. Manly Miles was elected professor of agriculture. Leander Wetherell, Esq. of Boston donated 1,410 bound volumes and several hundred pamphlets to the college library. June 2, the General Court passed a resolve, allowing to the college \$10,000 annually for four years and establishing 80 free scholarships. Jan. 5, the Durfee plant-house was destroyed by fire. Prof. A. B. Bassett resigned in 1884 and Clarence D. Warner was elected to fill the vacancy. The same year Horace E. Stockbridge was elected associate professor of chemistry. May 8, 1884, the General Court passed a resolve allowing \$36,000 for the erection



of a chapel and library building, for completing the president's house and for repairs on the North dormitory. During the year the North dormitory was partially rebuilt and the work of construction was begun on the new chapel building. The corner-stone of the latter was laid Nov. 6; the building was constructed of granite from the quarry in Pelham owned by the college. It is generally considered the most ornamental structure on the college grounds.

Feb. 4, 1885, the South dormitory was burned, the fire catching from a lamp which exploded in a room occupied by one of the students. June 11, the General Court passed a resolve allowing \$45,000 for rebuilding the South dormitory, erecting a tower on the chapel building and the purchase of scientific apparatus. By another resolve passed on the same date, \$6,000 was appropriated for the erection of a laboratory for the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment station. June 19, an act was passed making the annual report of the college and the annual report of the experiment station public documents. During the summer months the president's house was completed, the laboratory building was remodeled and repaired, and considerable additions were made to the library and to the scientific apparatus of the college. H. E. Stockbridge was succeeded by Charles Wellington as associate professor of chemistry. Lieut. George E. Sage was detailed as professor of military science and tactics.

In 1886, President Greenough resigned, the vacancy being filled by the election of Prof. H. H. Goodell. Henry H. Goodell was born in Constantinople, Turkey, May 20, 1839, was fitted for college at Williston Seminary and was graduated from Amherst College in the class of 1862. During the war for the preservation of the Union he served as 2d and then as 1st lieutenant of the 25th Conn. Vols. and afterwards as aid-de-camp on the staff of Col. Bissell of the 3d brigade, 4th division, 19th army corps. From 1864 to 1867, he taught at Williston Seminary, being called to the professorship of modern languages at the Agricultural College in 1867. His connection with the college since its organization, coupled with executive abilities of a high order, well fitted him for the presidency, and the friends of the college have had frequent occasion to congratulate themselves on his acceptance of the office. Other important changes were made in the faculty in 1886; Henry E. Alvord was elected professor of agriculture, Charles S. Walker college pastor and professor of mental science and political economy, Charles H. Fernald professor of natural history. April 16, the General Court passed a resolve making perpetual the allowance from the state treasury of \$10,000 annually, first granted July 5, 1883. Later in the year a further grant of \$7,500 was made for repair of buildings and other needs of the college. The South dormitory, the chapel and library building and the laboratory of the experiment station were com-







pleted in 1886. New apparatus was bought for the chemical, physics and natural history departments. The college grounds were connected with the Amherst water-works by a four-inch iron main. A fire brigade was organized among the students under direction of the military commandant; 750 feet of hose and a hose-cart were purchased for its equipment. Hon. Marshall P. Wilder donated several hundred volumes to the college library. In 1887, the college executed a formal lease of certain lands to the experiment station. During the year well-known scientists lectured before the students on special topics. In 1888, extensive repairs were made on the college buildings. William P. Brooks, a graduate of the college, was appointed to the chair of agriculture.

Feb. 25, 1887, the national Congress passed an act to establish agricultural experiment stations in connection with the agricultural colleges which had been organized in the several states under the provisions of the Morrill land grant. Their object and duty should be to conduct original researches or verify experiments on the physiology of plants and animals, diseases to which they are subject and remedies for the same, the chemical composition of useful plants at different stages of growth, the comparative advantages of rotative cropping, the capacity of new plants or trees for acclimation, analysis of soils and water, the chemical composition of manures, natural or artificial, with experiments designed to test their comparative effects on crops of different kinds, the adaptation and value of grasses and forage plants, the composition and digestibility of different kinds of food for domestic animals, scientific and economic questions involved in the production of butter and cheese, and such other researches or experiments bearing directly on the agricultural industry of the United States as should in each case be deemed advisable, having due regard to varying conditions and needs of the respective states or territories. The United States commissioner of agriculture should furnish forms for the tabulation of the results of investigations or experiments, should indicate such lines of inquiry as seemed to him most important, and should furnish such advice and assistance as would best promote the purposes of the act. Each station should make annually on or before Feb. 1 a detailed report to the government of its operations, including a statement of receipts and expenditures. Bulletins or reports of progress should be published by each station at least once in three months, copies of such bulletins to be sent to each newspaper in the state where published, and to such individuals actively engaged in farming as might request the same. The bulletins and annual reports should pass through the mails free of charge. The sum of \$15,000 per annum should be appropriated to each state from the United States treasury, for expenses of the station. By an act approved April 20, 1887, Massachusetts accepted the provisions of this grant. At



a meeting of the Agricultural College trustees held March 2, 1888, it was voted to establish a department to be called "The Experiment Department of the Massachusetts Agricultural College," which name was subsequently changed to the "Hatch Experiment Station of the Agricultural College." A committee was appointed with full executive powers; at a meeting of this committee held March 10, the organization was completed, the following being chosen as officers: Director, H. H. Goodell; agriculturist, W. P. Brooks; horticulturist, S. T. Maynard; entomologist, C. H. Fernald; meteorologist, C. D. Warner; treasurer, F. E. Paige; auditor, J. H. Demond. The committee entered into an agreement with the board of control of the State Experiment Station, the latter agreeing, in consideration of a payment of \$5,000 annually, that such chemical work as was demanded should be performed at the station. Work was begun at the Hatch Experiment Station in April, 1888.

In 1889, the English department was reorganized, and under the supervision of Prof. George F. Mills gained in usefulness and importance. The farm buildings were enlarged and remodeled. Two large silos were built. About 28,000 feet of tile were laid for underdrainage. A small barn was built for special work in connection with dairy matters, for the general work involved in the handling of crops under experiment and the mixing, weighing and measuring of fertilizers. An insectary was built for the breeding of insects discovered on all useful plants, and for experiments with insecticides. The General Court appropriated \$10,000 annually for four years, for the endowment of additional professorships and for general expenses. One-half this sum was to be used as a labor fund.

In 1890, under the provisions of the free scholarship act of 1883, 62 students were admitted to the college. All counties in the state were represented except Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket. Eighty-nine students availed themselves of the benefits of the labor fund. Two working biological laboratories were opened during the year, in charge of Professors Fernald and Maynard. James B. Paige, a graduate of the college in 1882, was elected to the chair of veterinary science. Extensive improvements were made upon the farm, the labor being performed by students who were compensated for their services from the labor fund.

The college, since its establishment, had been seriously hampered in its work by the inadequacy of the funds received as interest upon its endowment. Had the land scrip been sold at \$1.25 an acre, which was about the current price when the Morrill bill was passed in 1862, the interest on the fund thus established would have amply supplied the needs of the institution for many years. The placing of so large an amount of scrip upon the market in 1862 and the years immediately following lowered the price nearly one-half. The Massachusetts college was not the only one that



found its income insufficient to meet its expenses. In nearly every state which had established an independent institution under the provisions of the Morrill act such institutions had been largely dependent upon state bounty for payment of their running expenses. Such conditions were not anticipated by those who had been instrumental in passing the Morrill act and, in 1890, an attempt was made to remedy them by supplementary legislation.

April 30, 1890, Senator Justin S. Morrill of Vermont introduced in the United States Senate "A Bill to establish an educational fund, and apply the proceeds of the public lands and the receipts from certain land-grant railroad companies to the more complete endowment and support of colleges for the advancement of scientific and industrial education." The second section of this act provided:

"That there shall be, and hereby is, annually appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid as hereinafter provided, to each State and Territory for the more complete endowment and maintenance of colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts now established, or which may be hereafter established, in accordance with an act of Congress approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and an annual increase of the amount of such appropriation thereafter for ten years by an additional sum of one thousand dollars over the preceding year, and the annual amount to be paid thereafter to each State and Territory shall be twenty-five thousand dollars."

These sums were to be paid from funds received by the treasury for the sale of public lands and the receipts from land-grant railroad companies. They should be paid by the secretary of the treasury to the state or territorial treasurer, and the latter should pay them over to the treasurers of the colleges entitled to receive the same. The provisions governing the receipt and expenditure of these funds by the colleges were in many respects similar to those attached to the original grant. No portion should be applied directly or indirectly to the purchase, erection, preservation or repair of any building or buildings. This bill was endorsed by the officers of agricultural colleges and experiment stations, by agricultural societies, granges and the friends of agricultural education throughout the country. It was passed by Congress, signed by the president and became a law Aug. 30, 1890. The question then arose as to the disposition of the funds awarded to Massachusetts under the provisions of this act. Of the income arising from the fund established by the original grant the state had allowed one-third to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and two-thirds to the Agricultural College. With this division the officers of the institute had never been fully satisfied, and they made a determined effort to secure at least one-half of the new appropriation. In this they were unsuccessful, the funds being



divided between the college and the institute in the same proportion as the income from the original grant.

The year 1891 was a prosperous one at the college. A portion of the funds arising from the new national grant were received and were expended in adding to the equipment of various departments. The General Court passed a resolve continuing the labor fund for a term of years and also granted an appropriation for rebuilding the plant-house and erecting a rose-house. The standard for admission was raised and a higher grade of scholarship required. The military department adopted a new system of tactics. During the fall term President Goodell traveled in Europe for the benefit of his health, the college, in his absence, being in charge of Prof. C. H. Fernald, as acting president. April 5, the barn of the Hatch Experiment Station was burned.

In 1892, the college rolls bore the names of 190 students; of these, 16 came from other states than Massachusetts, while the remaining 174 represented 110 towns in the state. A gratifying gain had been made in the percentage of graduates. Of the 643 who had entered and left the institution prior to 1886, only about 37 per cent. had graduated; since that time 236 had entered and 52 per cent. had graduated. One young woman entered the freshman class in 1892, and did excellent work, but was compelled to leave owing to a lack of funds. Since the college opened its doors to students in the fall of 1867 it had received, not including the students pursuing the course in 1892, 879 men. Of that number 361 had completed the course, receiving the degree of B. Sc. Of the 348 living graduates, considerably more than one-half were engaged in farming or closely allied pursuits. Of farmers there were 92, agricultural editors, 4; engaged in the fertilizer business, 7; teachers in agricultural institutions, 21; experiment station directors, 3; veterinary doctors, 8; professors of veterinary science, 2; assistants in experiment stations, 22; assistants in Board of Agriculture, 2; assistants in Gypsy Moth Commission, 2. One-seventh of all the graduates were employed in agricultural colleges and experiment stations, including 3 college presidents, 8 professors of agriculture, 5 professors of horticulture and botany, 3 directors of experiment stations and several vice-directors. Of graduates not engaged in agricultural pursuits, 9 were lawyers, 18 engineers, 11 teachers, 18 doctors, 2 dentists and 5 clergymen. Two had been masters of the State Grange, two lecturers, and everywhere they were found at the head of local granges, and farmers' clubs and agricultural organizations.

Extensive additions were made to the equipment of the various departments in 1892. The veterinary department was thoroughly equipped with working models of the horse and the principal parts of the body. A small laboratory was fitted up with microscopes, culture ovens and sterilizers for







the study of germ diseases. The zoölogical department was supplied with a collection of mounted animals, clastic models, diagrams and charts showing the operations of life throughout the entire animal kingdom. The chemical department was given a complete new outfit and to the physics department the apparatus necessary for the study of electricity. Extensive additions to the library were made in the departments of political economy, agriculture, zoölogy and chemistry. In the agricultural department a beginning was made for an economic museum and implements and apparatus of all kinds were collected in an effort to represent the history of agricultural machinery. A collection of soils was made and samples gathered of all artificial and commercial fertilizers used in the state. For making these additions some \$20,000 was made available under the provisions of the new Morrill act. The General Court passed in 1892 a resolve allowing \$8,000 for the use of the horticultural department. The Durfee plant-house was remodeled, extensive additions being made. A tool-house was erected and a cold grapery completed. The little stream flowing across the college grounds was dammed, making a pretty artificial pond, which not only adds to the beauty of the landscape but affords a plentiful supply of ice for use at the college. A new barn was built for the Hatch Experiment Station. In the report for the year announcement was made that since the establishment of the labor fund over 150 young men had been aided and \$20,000 had been paid out for work in the direct line of their studies which had also contributed materially to the improvement of the college grounds.

The General Court in 1893 passed a resolve appropriating \$40,000 for the use of the college, of which \$19,000 should be available that year. This sum was to be used for the erection of two model barns. The old college barn, beside being inconvenient of location and inadequate in accommodations, had become infected with the germs of tuberculosis. Work on the new structures began in the summer of 1893. They were intended to accommodate 100 head of cattle, 14 horses, 75 sheep and 80 hogs. They would also afford storage room for 300 tons of hay, 325 tons of silage, several carloads of grain and 144 tons of roots. Accommodations would also be afforded for a dairy school. Alterations were made on other college buildings. A hard-wood floor was laid in the drill-hall and a gallery constructed at one end. The room formerly used as a chapel was completely remodeled and fitted up as a laboratory for advanced students in chemistry. The meteorological observatory was connected by wire with the telegraph office at the center village. Daily weather forecasts were received from Washington and weather signal flags were displayed from the tower. Arrangements were also made to receive frost warnings. The college made an interesting exhibit at the World's Columbian Exhibition



at Chicago. From April 1, 1892, to Oct. 1, 1893, the college received under the provisions of the Morrill act of 1890, \$56,668.66; the expenditures for instruction and equipment were, during the same period, \$43,921.74. At the beginning of the college year in September, 1893, the studies of senior year were made elective. A two-years' course was established, 23 students entering its first class. Five assistant professors were appointed in the departments of agriculture, chemistry, English, botany and mathematics; two of the men receiving appointments were graduates of the college. In November, Sir Henry Gilbert delivered the Rothamsted American lectures at the college.

In 1894, the General Court passed a resolve appropriating \$7,500 for an electric lighting apparatus at the college. June 9, the old college barn was burned; the origin of the fire was supposed to be incendiary. The new barns were completed in the fall. A new system of sewerage was introduced. During the spring term a course of lectures on forestry was delivered by Dr. B. E. Fernow, chief of the division of forestry at Washington. Prof. C. D. Warner resigned as professor of mathematics and was succeeded by Prof. Leonard Metcalf. In 1895, the General Court passed a resolve appropriating \$4,800 for building an addition to the insectary and erecting a gun-shed. The military department was equipped with two new breech-loading rifled cannon which took the place of the old 12-pounders. The State and the Hatch experiment stations were consolidated under the name of the Hatch Experiment Station of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Latin, as a requirement for entrance and as a required study was dropped, but was given a place in the elective course. The two-years' course was dropped from the curriculum. A series of short winter courses was adopted, free to all citizens of the state without limitations as to entrance examinations. In the spring of 1896, a course in dairying was arranged. The General Court passed a resolve appropriating \$11,000 for extending the laboratories of the experiment department and for purchasing the Clark property adjoining the college grounds.

The college and its faculty have for many years sustained intimate relations with the State Board of Agriculture, the State Grange and the various agricultural societies throughout the state. The Board of Agriculture has acted as the board of overseers of the college. Prof. C. A. Goessmann has served for many years as chemist of the Board of Agriculture, and at the present time Profs. J. B. Paige, C. H. Fernald and S. T. Maynard are also officially connected with the board. Professor Goessmann has also the appointment of state examiner of fertilizers, and all fertilizers sold in Massachusetts at a price exceeding \$10 per ton must be analyzed at the station and secure from the inspector a guaranty of composition and value. The members of the faculty are in great demand as speakers at agricultural



institutes and other gatherings of farmers. Prof. C. S. Walker has been for several years chaplain of the State Grange. That Massachusetts excels in the agricultural education imparted at its college is proven by the constant and increasing demand for the services of the graduates of that college at the colleges and experiment stations of other states.

The students at the Agricultural College have organized and sustained many institutions, some of them enduring but a brief period, others gaining strength with the years and with the increased number of students at the college. Four secret fraternities are now in existence, the D. G. K., Q. T. V., Phi Sigma Kappa and College Shakespearean Club. Of these the D. G. K. is the only one to own a fraternity building where undergraduate members reside. The students have taken much interest in athletics, and sustain base-ball, foot-ball, athletic and tennis associations. A college glee and banjo club has been well sustained for several years. The college Y. M. C. A. is a prosperous organization that has exerted a strong influence for good on the lives of the undergraduates. The college has its paper, the *Aggie Life*, published bi-weekly and serving as an excellent exponent of life at the college. The *Index* is published annually by the junior class, the *Cycle* at commencement-time by the D. G. K. fraternity. Other organizations, not alluded to above, are the Natural History society, the Reading Room association, the Washington Irving literary society, the Polo club, the Boarding club, the Press club, the Clark Cadet band.

Such, in brief, is the history of the Agricultural College, the second great educational institution to be established in the town of Amherst. Much might be written of its earlier struggles, when it was yet in the experimental stage, ere the people of Massachusetts had become acquainted with it or learned how valuable was the education it had to offer, when it was necessary to make annual appeals to the state for funds, appeals too frequently unheeded or answered in grudging fashion. It had its times of trial, of discouragement, of seeming failure. Much might be written, also, of the good it has accomplished, of what it has done for the education of youth and for the cause of scientific agriculture in Massachusetts and in New England. An extended history of the college will some day be written, a history containing much of value but for which space cannot be found in the town history. Enough to realize and to say that the college has fulfilled in ample measure the highest hopes of its founders, that it has turned the attention of the agricultural classes towards the problems of scientific agriculture, and has aided in their solution, that it has gained the respect and confidence of all classes in the state, conquering the prejudices of that class of economists who believe in limiting outlay without regard to the promise of returns.

The Agricultural College has furnished a practical, useful education



to hundreds of young men, many of whom could not afford the expense of a course at a purely literary college even would such a course prove of equal benefit to them in their chosen occupation. It has stimulated a waning interest in agricultural matters and furnished convincing arguments to the young men of the state as to why they should remain upon the farm rather than seek employment in the cities. It has impressed upon the public mind the dignity of agricultural pursuits, proving that head-work is as necessary as hand-work in the successful conduct of a New England farm. The work of the college has been ably supplemented by that of the experiment stations. The series of experiments conducted by the latter have been of great practical benefit to all persons living in the state, engaged in agriculture and kindred pursuits. The department of chemistry has kept them fully apprised of the value of the different kinds of fertilizers, home-made and commercial, of the kinds of fertilizers demanded by certain soils and for the production of special crops. The department of entomology has taught the best methods of warfare against insect pests. The department of horticulture has informed them concerning the nature of and remedy for plant disease, as well as of the best varieties of fruits. The department of agriculture has given them the results of experiments with crops, of feeding experiments with cattle for the production of meat and milk, and much other information of value.

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## CHAPTER LXIII.

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### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF PROMINENT CITIZENS.

In Chapter XXVI brief sketches are given of the lives of some of the more prominent among the first settlers and early inhabitants of the precinct, district and town. This History would be far from complete did it not contain something more than passing mention of others who have served the town in a variety of ways, strong men in the community, leaders in thought and action, town fathers in something more than the sentimental meaning of the term. It is a difficult and delicate task to select from a long list of honored names, representative of those sterling qualities that go to make the highest type of New England manhood, a comparative few for particular mention. In making this selection especial reference is had to public service as well as to high standing in the community. It would be easy to extend the list almost indefinitely, but lack of space forbids.





Among the earlier settlers few were held in higher esteem than was Jonathan Dickinson, son of Samuel, born in Shutesbury in 1715. He served in the French and Indian wars and in the war of the Revolution. Chosen selectman in 1759, the year Amherst was set off as a district, he held the office five years. He married, Sept. 26, 1745, Dorothy Stoughton of Windsor, Conn.

Joseph Church, son of Samuel, was born in Hadley in 1728. He served in the war of the Revolution, was a man of means and held the office of selectman six years. He married, Jan. 2, 1755, Abigail Smith, and died in Amherst Sept. 7, 1819.

Noah Smith, son of Jonathan, was born in Amherst in 1742. He, also, served on Amherst's quota in the war of the Revolution. For six years he served as selectman. He married, in 1766, Mary Elmer and died Feb. 22, 1830.

Jonathan Dickinson, Jr., son of Jonathan, was born in Amherst in 1749. He held the office of selectman nine years. He married, March 27, 1783, Azubah Coleman, and died June 2, 1836.

Ebenezer Boltwood, son of Solomon, was born in Amherst in 1752. He was graduated from Harvard College and was one of the first men in the new settlement to engage in mercantile pursuits. From 1782 to 1788, he kept an inn. In 1786, he was appointed justice of the peace. For eleven years he served as selectman. He died July 23, 1804.

Moses Hastings, son of Thomas, was born in Amherst in 1755. He served in the war of the Revolution. A leading member of the First church, he was one of the first trustees of its ministerial fund. He held many public offices, serving as selectman eight years. He married, Aug. 29, 1776, Elizabeth Parker of Amherst. His death occurred June 6, 1844.

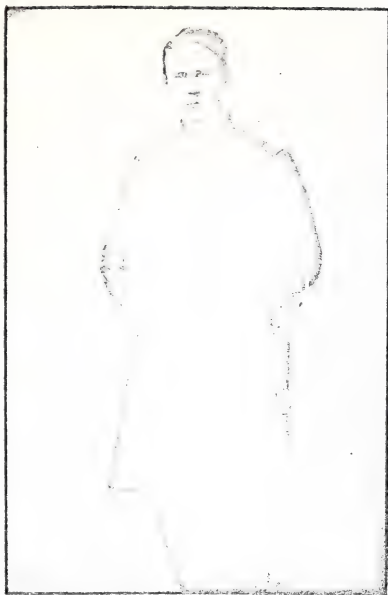
Elijah Dickinson, son of Moses, was born in Amherst in 1760. He served in the war of the Revolution, gaining the title of colonel, by which he was generally known. He donated the land on which the first Amherst College building was erected. He was a leading member of the First church, and held many town offices, including that of selectman. He married, June 13, 1780, Jerusha Smith, whose portrait appears on the opposite page. He died Feb. 1, 1820.

Gideon Stetson was born in 1762, married Nancy Thayer of Belcher-town and died in 1835. He held the office of selectman five years.

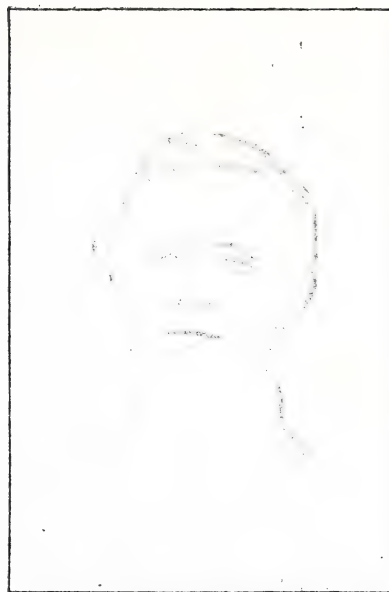
John Kellogg, son of Ephraim, was born in Amherst in 1765. He was deacon in the First church and served the town as selectman six years. He married (1), Roxana Mattoon; (2), Mrs. Martha Ingram. He died Dec. 6, 1844.

Nathan Franklin, son of Henry, was born in Amherst in 1767. He represented the town in the General Court. He served as selectman seven





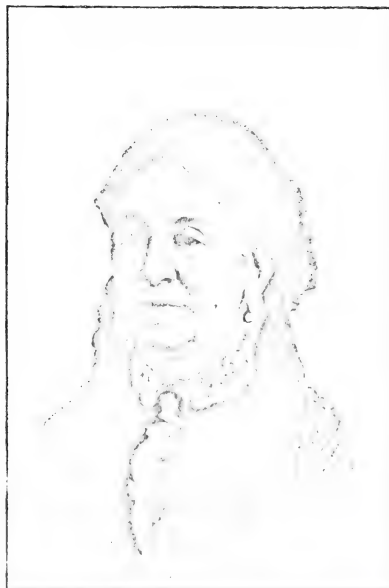
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years and was deacon of the South church. He married, Nov. 29, 1798, Jerusha Dickinson, and died March 11, 1832.

Ephraim Roberts, son of Joseph, was born in East Hartford, Conn. in 1769. He was one of the first in Amherst to engage in the manufacture of paper. He was a leading citizen in the North parish. He married (1), Susan Eastman of East Hartford; (2), Jerusha Mann. He died in Amherst, April 19, 1853.

Martin Baker, son of Elijah, was born in Amherst in 1770. He served the town as selectman seven years and held other town offices. He married, July 16, 1797, Mary Smith, and died Dec. 11, 1842.

Reuben Roberts, son of Joseph, was born in East Hartford, Conn. in 1775. In company with his brother Ephraim he engaged in the manufacture of paper. He served the town as representative in the General Court. He married, in 1796, Esther Rissley of East Hartford, and died Oct. 25, 1864.

Zebina Dickinson, son of John, was born in Amherst in 1778. He was one of the first deputy sheriffs for the town of Amherst, holding office many years. He represented the town in the General Court one year, served as selectman and assessor and held other town offices. He married, in 1808, Mary Watson. His death occurred June 2, 1837.

Chester Dickinson, son of John, was born in Amherst in 1780. He served the town as selectman eight years. An innkeeper many years, his tavern was noted for the hospitality with which its guests were treated. He was the first treasurer of the North parish. From his appointment as justice of the peace he gained the title of "Squire" by which he was familiarly known. He married, May 29, 1803, Susanna Dickinson, and died May 10, 1850.

Horace Smith, son of Silas, was born in South Hadley in 1781. He was deacon in the First church, justice of the peace and a colonel in the militia. He married (1), March 5, 1805, Rebecca Moody; (2), — King of Suffield, Conn. He died Nov. 11, 1862.

Isaac G. Cutler, son of Robert, was born in Pelham in 1782. He was graduated at Williams College in 1801. He practiced medicine in Amherst until his death, which occurred Nov. 29, 1834. He was a very popular physician, a fact witnessed by his record of professional attendance upon 1336 cases of childbirth, now on file in the office of the town clerk. He represented the town in the General Court in 1830. He married, Dec. 24, 1807, Nancy Hastings.

Ebenezer Williams, son of Justus, was born in Amherst in 1783. He served the town as representative to the General Court, also holding the office of selectman five years. He married, Jan. 21, 1808, Philomela Dickinson of Amherst.



Timothy Henderson, son of Timothy, was born in Amherst in 1784. He was a prosperous farmer, greatly beloved in the community, a leader in town and church affairs. He held the office of selectman seven years. He married (1), Aug. 26, 1811, Mary Parker; (2), Tryphena Kellogg. He died in Hadley, Oct. 28, 1861.

Nathaniel C. Dickinson, son of Jonathan, was born in Shutesbury in 1784. He was active in church affairs, gave the land on which the South church was built and served as deacon and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He held office as selectman and assessor many years. He married (1), Jan. 27, 1807, Submit Smith of Brattleboro; (2), June 2, 1841, Sibyl Strickland of Greenfield. He died March 19, 1868.

Eleazer Gaylord, son of Eleazer, was born in Windsor, Conn. in 1785. He served the town as selectmen, and was for many years deacon in the First church. He was a leader among the farmers of the town. He married (1), in 1819, Hannah Haskell of Holden; (2), in 1832, Sally Church of Amherst. He died in New Haven, Conn., Aug. 10, 1865.

Benoni Rust, son of Oliver, was born in Amherst in 1786. He was engaged in the manufacture of stoves and steel springs. He served the town as selectman. He married Susan Dickinson of Amherst and died Dec. 29, 1848.

George Nutting, son of John, was born in Amherst in 1786. He represented the town in the General Court and also as selectman and assessor. He was a member of the first parish committee of the South church and one of the contractors who erected the church building. He married Judith Hastings of Amherst and died Aug. 1, 1838.

Cotton Smith, son of Chileab, was born in Hadley in 1787. In 1810, he conducted a store at East Amherst, but spent the greater part of his life as a farmer at "Mill Valley." He was a prominent member of the First church. He served the town as selectman. He married Sibyl Smith of Amherst and died Aug. 17, 1855.

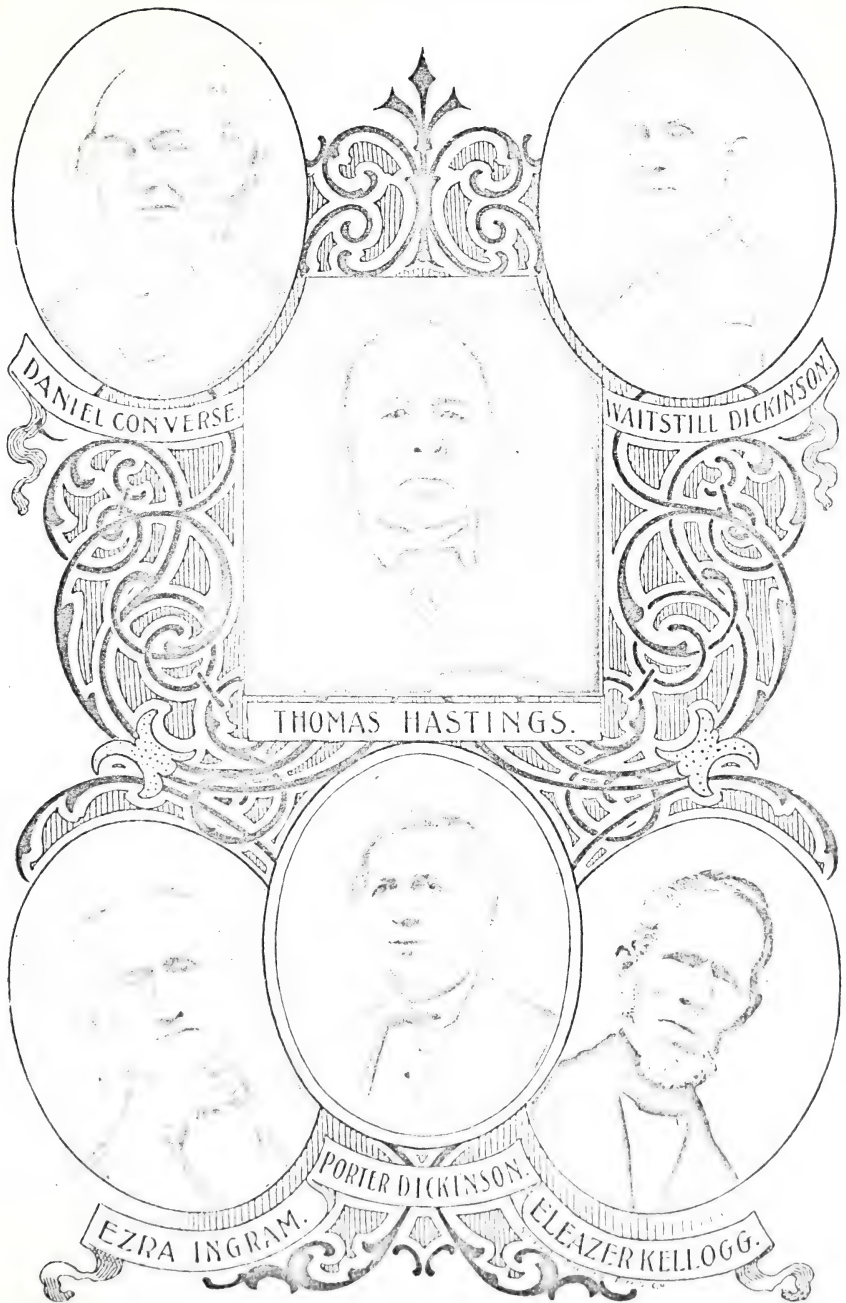
Thomas Jones, son of Elnathan, was born in Concord in 1787. He was engaged for many years in the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods at North Amherst, owning at one time three mills. He took an active part in the organization of the Hampshire and Franklin railroad company and was a man of great enterprise and public spirit. He represented the town in the General Court. He married (1), June 3, 1829, Elizabeth M. Lyman of Northampton; (2), Dec. 24, 1835, Mary H. French of Newfane, Vt. He died Oct. 21, 1853.

Chester Kellogg, son of Jonathan, was born in Amherst in 1788. He was for many years a prosperous merchant and a leading member of the First church. He married (1), in June, 1808, Lois Dickinson; (2), Aug. 1, 1816, Maria Bixby. He died Jan. 7, 1849.





A GROUP OF SELECTMEN.





Solomon K. Eastman, son of John, was born in Amherst in 1788. He was a prominent farmer and a leading member of the First church. He served the town as selectman and also held other town offices. He married, Nov. 10, 1819, Almira Richardson, and died April 15, 1872.

Seneca Holland, son of Jonas, was born in Petersham in 1790. He lived in Belchertown for a time, removing to Amherst in 1832. For many years he was one of the leading business men of the town, held in high esteem in the community. He married, Nov. 30, 1823, Fanny Dickinson of Amherst and died Dec. 5, 1871.

Joseph Dana, son of Amariah, was born in Amherst in 1795. He was a successful farmer. He was a member of the Second church until the South church was formed, when he joined the latter and served it as deacon. He was one of the members of the South militia company who marched to Boston during the war of 1812. He married, Oct. 28, 1824, Clara Benton of Tolland, Conn. He died April 27, 1874.

Alfred Baker, son of Enos, was born in Amherst in 1798. A successful farmer, he was also prominent in town affairs. He served the town as selectman 12 years and also represented it in the General Court. He was active in securing the organization of the Hampshire Agricultural society and was elected its first president. He was captain of a militia company in 1830. He married (1), Sept. 17, 1835, Catherine D. Wiley of Sunderland; (2), Elizabeth Olmsted. He died March 14, 1877.

Ezra Ingram, son of Ebenezer, was born in Amherst in 1799. In early life he worked in the mills owned by his father, but the death of his father when Ezra was but twenty years of age placed him in possession of the homestead, and he spent his life in farming, disposing of his interest in the mills to his brother Peter. He represented the town in the General Court. He served the town as selectman and overseer of the poor 18 years and held other town offices. He was a member of the board of selectmen at the time of the war for the preservation of the Union, and with two others became personally responsible for a large sum of money needed to prevent a draft of Amherst men. He was a justice of the peace. He married, Nov. 24, 1824, Susan E. Roberts of East Hartford, Conn. He died June 15, 1881.

David Dexter, son of David, was born in Windsor, Conn. in 1799. He was engaged in manufacturing at "Mill Valley." He served as selectman. He married, Sept. 21, 1830, Cynthia Rankin of Pelham, and died Feb. 14, 1876.

Ephraim Cushman, son of Ephraim, was born in Amherst in 1799. He engaged in paper making in company with his brother John R. For over 50 years he was a leading member of the North church. He married Wealthy Cutter. He died Dec. 1, 1887.



Eleazer Kellogg, son of John, was born in Amherst in 1800. He served the town as selectman eleven years and was its representative in the General Court in 1838. For upwards of 25 years he was a trustee of the ministerial fund of the North church. He married, Dec. 30, 1824, Sally M. Roberts. He died June 7, 1885.

Salem Hammond, son of Moses, was born in Charlton in 1803. He removed to South Amherst in 1837 and engaged in farming. He united with the South church in 1838, and was an active and influential member until his removal to Hadley in 1859. He served the town as selectman and assessor. He married, Sept. 22, 1841, Mrs. Julia A. Eldredge of Hadley. He died in Hadley July 18, 1871.

Samuel C. Carter, son of Nathaniel, was born in Newburyport in 1803. He learned the book-binders' trade in the employ of Jonathan Leavitt of Andover. He came to Amherst in 1825, and entered in partnership with John S. Adams, under the firm name of Carter & Adams. Their business included a book-store, a printing office and a book-bindery. They published for two years the *New England Inquirer*, the first local paper printed in the town. The partnership was dissolved in 1827. For more than 60 years Mr. Carter was a leading citizen in the community, respected and beloved by all. For over 32 years, from 1837 to 1846, and again from 1857 to 1880, Mr. Carter served the town as clerk and treasurer. During that time \$1,339,386 of the public moneys passed through his hands, every cent of which was carefully and faithfully accounted for. In 1837, he was the town agent to receive and dispose of the surplus revenue. In 1865, he prepared a full and accurate military record of those who had served on Amherst's quota during the war for the preservation of the Union. In 1841 and 1842, he represented the town in the General Court, and was a member of the committee which drafted the excellent law yet in force for the registration of vital statistics. He served as post-master for two terms. From 1837 to 1839, he was a member of the school committee. For many years he was clerk and treasurer of the First parish, member of the parish committee and treasurer of the sinking fund. In 1829, he was appointed librarian of the First church Sunday-school, and was for fifty years connected with the school as scholar, librarian, teacher and superintendent. He was treasurer of the Amherst Savings bank from its organization in 1865 until his resignation of the office in 1887. In 1827, he assisted in organizing an engine company, retaining his connection with it for many years. For twelve years he was secretary and treasurer of the West Amherst Temperance union, and also served as librarian and treasurer of the Amherst Lyceum. He married (1), in April, 1826, Matilda Ayres; (2), Elizabeth D. Jackson of Boston. He died June 9, 1889.

George Montague, son of Luke, was born in Amherst in 1804. He



FORMER TOWN CLERKS.







studied at Amherst Academy. From 1828 to 1831, he was accountant and instructor at Mt. Pleasant Academy. From 1834 to 1836, he was engaged in mercantile pursuits in the South. He served as treasurer of the Agricultural College and for 14 years as auditor of accounts of the treasurer of Amherst College. He served as deacon of the First church and was for seven years clerk of Hampshire East Conference. He married (1), March 7, 1834, Mary A. Parsons of Columbus, Ga.; (2), Nov. 20, 1856, Sarah M. Seelye of New York city. He died Jan. 22, 1893.

Moses B. Greene, son of Clark, was born in Amherst in 1805, and was fitted for college at Amherst Academy. After his graduation from Amherst College in 1829, he taught in Massachusetts, Louisiana and Mississippi. Returning to Amherst in 1847, he resided there until his death, which occurred Aug. 7, 1865. He was a leading member of the First church and served for many years as chairman of the school committee, with distinguished success. He married, Dec. 22, 1830, Betsey A. Seabury of New Orleans, La.

Allen P. Merrick, son of Aaron, was born in Amherst in 1807. He was a successful farmer, a prominent man in the South parish and served the town as selectman. In early life, before the railway era, he traveled extensively in New England and Canada, selling wagons and farm produce. He was one of the early advocates of the "abolition" and "free-soil" movements, but in his later years was in politics an independent democrat; in 1878 it was the wish of Gen. Benjamin F. Butler that Mr. Merrick would consent to run as candidate for state treasurer on the democratic ticket, but he refused. He married, May 7, 1834, Minerva Blodgett of Amherst and died June 16, 1886.

Rufus Belden, son of Aaron, was born in Whately in 1809. He entered Amherst College in the class of 1833, remaining two years. He was graduated from the Pittsfield Medical Institute and practiced medicine in New York city, Brooklyn and Amherst. He was a leading physician of his day, meeting with distinguished success in the cities, and when he removed to Amherst his services were in constant demand in this and in neighboring towns. He was a leader in town and church affairs, greatly beloved in the community. He married, Feb. 18, 1835, Henrietta Howland of West Barnstable, and died in Amherst April 29, 1870.

Porter Dickinson, son of Eli, was born in Amherst in 1809. He was engaged for many years in the manufacture of tools at East Amherst. He served the town as selectman five years. He married, in November, 1832, Elizabeth R. Billings of Amherst and died Nov. 13, 1880.

Newton Fitch, son of Joseph, was born in Windham, Conn. in 1810. He came to Amherst about the year 1835, and engaged in the druggist's



business, buying of a man named Underwood a store, which stood on the site now occupied by W. H. H. Morgan's drug-store. He was assistant-postmaster during S. C. Carter's term of office. He served as town clerk and treasurer from 1845 to 1848. He removed to Uxbridge in 1859, but returning to Amherst in 1875 resided here until his death, which occurred July 23, 1877. He was justice of the peace. He was one of the prominent advocates of the Hampshire & Franklin railway. He married, April 2, 1834, Eunice H. Jillson of Willimantic, Conn.

Samuel Nash, son of Elijah, was born in Hadley in 1810. He was deacon of the church in North Hadley, a trustee of Hopkins Academy and a representative to the General Court in 1844. He was the first editor of the *Hampshire and Franklin Express*, a man of keen intellect, held in high esteem in the community. He was one of the incorporators of the Mt. Holyoke railway company. He married, May 1, 1834, Lurinha Ball of Leverett, and died Feb. 13, 1861.

Josiah Ayres, son of Josiah, was born in Amherst in 1819. He represented the town in the General Court. He served as selectman and held many other town offices. He was for many years superintendent of the Sunday-school of the First church. He married, April 1, 1835, Catharine Strickland of Greenfield, and died Aug. 4, 1860.

James E. Merrick, son of Aaron, was born in Amherst in 1811. He taught school in early life, afterwards devoting his attention to farming in which he was very successful. He served the town as selectman and assessor for several years. He was a leading member of the South church. He married, Dec. 24, 1845, Harriet Bridgman, and died March 24, 1885.

Israel H. Taylor was born in Pelham in 1811. He removed to Amherst in 1850, residing here until his death, which occurred Oct. 15, 1890. He was one of the town's best-known physicians, highly esteemed in the community.

Austin Eastman, son of Elijah, was born in Amherst in 1812. He was a successful farmer and a prominent man in the North parish. He served the town as selectman. A member of the Baptist church at its organization, he continued in its communion until his death, which occurred Aug. 8, 1892. He married, Oct. 6, 1833, Mary Spear.

Waitstill Dickinson, son of Oliver, was born in Amherst in 1814. For several years he followed the business of teaming. In 1842, he opened a store at South Amherst. For many years he was engaged in business in the brick store near the common at South Amherst. He served the town as selectman, assessor and member of school committee. In 1850, he represented the town in the General Court. He was postmaster at South Amherst for many years. He married, April 20, 1837, Mercy Dickinson of Amherst, and died March 10, 1884.



Ansel C. Marshall, son of Chester, was born in Amherst in 1816. He spent his life in farming and was a leading citizen of the North parish. He served the town as selectman for five years. He was a director of the First National bank from its organization until his death. For more than 40 years he was connected with the North church and served as trustee of its parish fund. He married, Dec. 12, 1861, Lucy C. Palmer, and died Dec. 18, 1894.

Richard B. Bridgman, son of Jonathan, was born in Amherst in 1817, on the old Bridgman homestead at South Amherst. He was a successful farmer, one of the strong men of the South parish. A leading member of the South church, he served it as deacon for several years. He married, March 22, 1843, Mary Nutting of Amherst, and died July 27, 1882.

Benjamin F. Smith, son of Simeon, was born in East Lyme, Conn. in 1818. He was graduated at Yale College early in the '40s and studied medicine. He practiced his profession at Amherst many years, being held in high repute. He was a prominent member of Pacific Lodge F. & A. M. He was married three times, (1) to Elizabeth Caulkings, (2) to Julia Bucklin, (3) to Amy M. Thayer. He died in Amherst, Aug. 10, 1865.

Charles Delano, son of Gideon, was born in New Braintree in 1820. He removed to Amherst in 1833, attended Amherst Academy and was graduated from Amherst College in 1840. He studied law in the office of Osmyn Baker, and was admitted to the bar in 1842. In 1847, he entered in partnership with Mr. Baker, with offices in Northampton. In 1849, he was chosen treasurer of Hampshire county, holding the office nine years. He was elected to the United States Congress in 1858 and again in 1860. He was a lawyer of fine abilities, greatly respected and admired. He married, Sept. 12, 1848, Sarah B. Gridley, and died Jan. 23, 1883.

Harrison Ingram, son of John, was born in Amherst in 1820. He was prominent in town affairs, serving six years as selectman. He married, Nov. 5, 1845, Rhoda D. Hubbard of Sunderland and died May 12, 1879.

James W. Boyden, son of Wyatt C., was born in Beverly Farms in 1822. He was graduated from Harvard College in 1843, from Harvard Law School in 1846. He removed to Amherst in 1846 and practiced law here until 1859, when he removed to Chicago. In 1858, he was elected to the Massachusetts Senate. He was town clerk and treasurer many years, and while engaged in the duties of these offices compiled a genealogical record of Amherst families, of great interest and value. At the organization of the Hampshire Agricultural society he was elected secretary and treasurer. He assisted in organizing the Amherst Branch railroad company. In 1858, he was appointed trial justice. He married, May 18, 1847, Eliza O. Turner. He died Feb. 14, 1892, in Chicago, Ill.

Pliny H. White, son of John, was born in Springfield, Vt., in 1822.



He removed to Amherst from St. Johnsbury, Vt. in 1857, and while here was licensed to preach by the Hampshire East Association. He was for a time editor of the *Hampshire and Franklin Express*. He married, May 11, 1847, Electa B. Gates and died in Coventry, Vt., April 24, 1869.

Enos D. Williams, son of Ebenezer, was born in Amherst in 1822. He was an active and enterprising man, employing his large means in building up the town. He served as selectman three years. He married, Nov. 28, 1845, Caroline R. Hawley of Hadley. He died Oct. 9, 1866, at Gaba, Ill.

Ithamar F. Conkey, son of Ithamar, was born in Amherst in 1823. He entered Amherst College in the class of '43, but left before graduation. He studied law and practiced his profession in Amherst from 1844 until his death, which occurred Aug. 8, 1875. In 1856, he was elected district attorney of the Northwest judicial district. In 1874 and '75, he was U. S. register in bankruptcy. In 1852, he represented the town in the General Court. For 26 years he served as moderator at town meetings. For several years he was member of the school committee. He assisted in the organization of the Amherst Savings bank and was a member of its board of trustees. He was appointed justice of the peace in 1847. He was a prominent member of the Hampshire Agricultural society, secretary of the Amherst lyceum, clerk of Cataract Engine company and a general leader in town affairs. He was an influential member of Grace church, serving as vestryman. He married, June 15, 1847, Luthera Cutler of Amherst.

Charles S. Smith, son of Samuel, was born in Amherst in 1828. He attended Amherst College for two years but left before graduation. For several years he was engaged in the lumber business in Cincinnati, Ohio. Returning to Amherst in 1866, he engaged in farming, meeting with great success. He represented the town in the General Court and also served as selectman. He was a leader in the organization of the Amherst Coöperative society which for many years conducted the Grange store. He was a charter member of Amherst Grange and of the Amherst Creamery association. He married, Feb. 4, 1863, Jennie Hyde, and died March 23, 1895.

William A. Dickinson, son of Edward, was born in Amherst in 1829. He fitted for college at Amherst Academy and Williston Seminary, was graduated from Amherst College in 1850 and from Harvard Law School in 1854. Entering his father's law-office in Amherst, he practiced his profession here until his death. On the death of his father, in 1874, he was chosen treasurer of Amherst College, an office he held during life. He served as moderator of town-meetings for nearly twenty years. He was a prominent member of the First church, for many years a member of its parish committee. A leading member of the Village Improvement society from its organization, he took an active interest in every movement for beauti-







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WARREN S. HOWLAND.



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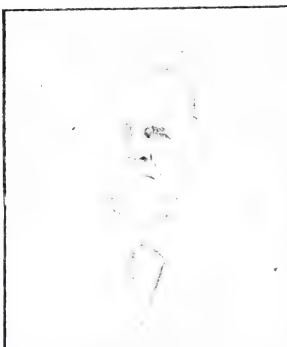
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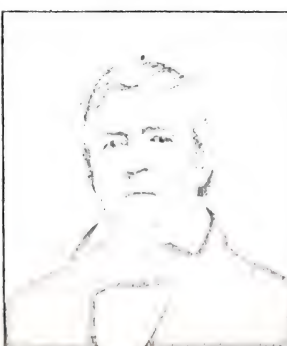
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DAVID PARSONS.



JONATHAN S. SEALL.



TIMOTHY HENDERSON.



DAVID WARNER.



fyng the appearance of the town. He was one of the incorporators of the Wildwood Cemetery association. For many years he was a director of the First National bank, a trustee of the Amherst Savings bank and trustee of the "Academy Fund." He was president of the Amherst Water company and one of the first stockholders in the Amherst Gas company. He married, July 1, 1856, Susan H. Gilbert of Greenfield. He died Aug. 16, 1895.

Henry F. Hills, son of Leonard M., was born in Amherst in 1833. In 1852, he became associated with his father in the manufacture of hats and hoods, under the firm name of Hills & Son. He continued in the manufacturing business all his life, as president of The Hills Co. after 1877. An influential member of the First church, he served as a member of its parish committee, as Sunday-school superintendent and as a member of the committee which had in charge the building of the present church edifice. He was a director of the Massachusetts Central railway company, president of the Amherst Gas company and one of the original stockholders of the Amherst Water company. He contributed, with his father, \$10,000 to the Agricultural College. He was one of the incorporators of the Wildwood Cemetery association. He was connected with the Roper Rifle company and the American Button company. He married, Sept. 17, 1863, Adelaide Spencer of South Manchester, Conn. He died April 25, 1896.

Chauncey W. Lessey, son of Alanson, was born in New Fairfield, Conn. in 1837. He came to Amherst in 1865, and engaged in business as a building contractor. He built the First church, Grace church, Walker hall, Palmer's block and many dwelling-houses. He was for five years chairman of the board of selectmen and for many years one of the assessors. He represented the town in the General Court in 1876. He was a leading member of Grace church. For several years he was a trustee of the Amherst Savings bank. He married, Melvina Swanger. He died Aug. 26, 1877.

Dyer B. N. Fish, son of Seth, was born in Amherst in 1838. He fitted for college at Shelburne Falls Academy, entered Amherst College but left at the end of the first year on account of sickness. He was graduated at the Berkshire Medical Institute in 1862. Soon after graduation he was appointed assistant-surgeon of the 27th Mass. regiment. He was promoted to be surgeon and served with the regiment through the war. On his return he settled in Amherst and practiced his profession until a short time before his death, which occurred Oct. 28, 1895. He was very successful in his practice and won the esteem and affection of the community. He was a member of the Grand Army and the Loyal Legion. Together with H. H. Goodell and H. M. McCloud he compiled the list of Amherst soldiers whose names appear upon the marble tablets in the town hall. He was for many years a prominent member of the Baptist church



and of the Amherst Library association. He married, Feb. 2, 1865, Miss Georgianna Ward of Lynn.

Charles D. Adams, son of Nathaniel D., was born in Shutesbury in 1839. He was graduated at Amherst College in 1863. During his senior year he served as principal of the Amherst high school. He was graduated at the Columbia law school, and practiced law in New York city many years, meeting with distinguished success. He married, Aug. 14, 1873, Mary C. Wood of Clinton, N. Y., and died March 20, 1889.

William A. Hunt, son of Oliver D., was born in West Brookfield in 1860. He fitted for college at Andover Academy and was graduated at Amherst College in 1885. He served as town clerk and treasurer from 1888 until his death, which occurred Sept. 29, 1893.



# APPENDICES

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## PART I.





# Appendix A.

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## LISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GENERAL COURT, SELECTMEN, TOWN CLERKS, TOWN TREAS- URERS, AND MODERATORS OF TOWN-MEETINGS.

1735-1896.

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### REPRESENTATIVES.

Adams, Charles, 1840.  
Ayres, Josiah, 1860.

Baker, Alfred, 1848.  
Baker, Martin, 1836.  
Baker, Osmyn, 1833, '34, '36, '37.  
Billings, John, 1776, '77.  
Boltwood, Elijah, 1829, '34, '35.  
Burt, Henry, 1873.

Carter, Samuel C., 1841-42.  
Clark, William S., 1864-65, '67.  
Conkey, Ithamar F., 1854.  
Cook, Moses, 1792-93.  
Cooley, Daniel, 1787-88.  
Crowell, Edward P., 1879.  
Cushman, Avery R., 1871.  
Cushman, John R., 1862.  
Cutler, Isaac G., 1830.

Dickinson, Chester, 1827.  
Dickinson, Daniel, 1829, '33.  
Dickinson, Edward, 1838, '39, '74.  
Dickinson, Enos, 1828, '37.  
Dickinson, Medad, 1810-11.  
Dickinson, Moses, 1775, '77.  
Dickinson, Nathaniel, Jr., 1774, '75, '78,  
'80, '83.

Dickinson, Oliver, 1832, '39.  
Dickinson, Samuel F., 1805-09, '13, '16-18,  
'27-29.  
Dickinson, Waitstill, 1850.  
Dickinson, Zebina, 1830, '31, '34.

Eastman, Baxter, 1856.  
Eastman, Joseph, 1778.

Fowler, William C., 1851.  
Franklin, Nathan, 1821.

Goodell, H. H., 1885.  
Greene, Moses B., 1853.  
Gridley, Timothy J., 1820, '26, '44, '46.

Harrington, Moody, 1887.

Ingram, Ezra, 1843.

Jones, Thomas, 1845.

Kellogg, Eleazar, 1838.

Leland, John, 1831, '32, '47.  
Lessey, Chauncey W., 1877.

Mattoon, Ebenezer, 1776, '79, '81, '94, 1812.



Mattoon, Ebenezer (2), 1837, '40.  
Merrick, Aaron, 1822.  
Montague, Zebina, 1796-1804, '08.

Nutting, George, 1833, '36.

Paige, Frank E., 1889.  
Parmenter, Charles O., 1880, '81.  
Parker, Eli, 1784-85.

Robbins, Isaac, 1823-24.  
Roberts, Reuben, 1835.

Smith, Benjamin F., 1855.

Smith, Charles S., 1891.  
Smith, Elisha, 1810-11.  
Stockbridge, Levi, 1870, '83.  
Strong, Simeon, 1790-91, 1809, '12-14.  
Sweetser, Luke, 1849.

Wakefield, Charles E., 1893, '95.  
Ward, Horace, 1868.  
Warner, George, 1858.  
Watson, Oliver, 1852.  
Webster, Noah, 1814, '15, '19.  
Williams, Ebenezer, 1835.  
Williams, Enos D., 1857.

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### SELECTMEN.

Adams, Charles, 1839.  
Allen, M. A., 1856.  
Andrews, Salvador, 1836, '37.  
Ayres, Josiah, 1853, '55.

Baker, Alfred, 1836-38, '42, '50, '51, '58.  
Baker, Elijah, 1777, '78, '81, '82.  
Baker, Enos, 1819.  
Baker, Martin, 1812-16, '23, '24.  
Billings, Joel, 1783.  
Billings, John, 1763, '65, '72, '77, '78, '81, '88.  
Boltwood, Ebenezer, 1784, '86, '87, '89-93, '95, '97, '98.  
Boltwood, Elijah, 1819, '20, '25-32.  
Boltwood, Solomon, 1770.  
Bridgman, Jonathan, 1822, '32.

Chandler, Aaron M., 1834.  
Chauncey, Josiah, 1760, '62, '70.  
Church, Joseph, 1785-87, '89-91.  
Clark, Simeon, 1763, '65, '67.  
Clark, Simeon (2), 1839, '41, '42, '50, '51.  
Coleman, Nathaniel, 1760, '67, '69.  
Converse, Daniel, 1856, '59, '60, '62-64.  
Cook, Moses, 1786, '92, '93.  
Cows, Jonathan, 1825-29, '33.  
Cows, Jonathan (2), 1877.  
Cows, Rufus, 1822.  
Cows, Walter D., 1884-86.  
Cushman, Avery R., 1864.

Cushman, John R., 1856.  
Cutler, Robert, 1855.

Dexter, David, 1830, '31.  
Dickinson, Azariah, 1765.  
Dickinson, Bela U., 1856, '60.  
Dickinson, Chester, 1817, '19-24, '34.  
Dickinson, Daniel, 1835.  
Dickinson, Daniel W., 1893-96.  
Dickinson, Ebenezer, 1759.  
Dickinson, Elijah, 1792, '94, '97, '98, 1802-08, '10, '11, '14-16.  
Dickinson, Enos, 1784.  
Dickinson, Enos (2), 1814-18, '30, '31, '36, '37, '39, '42.  
Dickinson, Gideon, 1770, '82.  
Dickinson, John, 1759, '61, '64, '66, '68, '70, '72-75.  
Dickinson, John (2), 1799, 1800.  
Dickinson, John (3), 1847.  
Dickinson, Jonathan, 1759, '61, '64, '67, '69.  
Dickinson, Jonathan (2), 1780, '82, '84, '85, '87, '93, '95, '96, '99.  
Dickinson, Joseph, 1779, '88, '94.  
Dickinson, Lucius, 1834, '35.  
Dickinson, Marquis F., 1879-83, '87.  
Dickinson, Medad, 1794, '96-1801, 1805-07.  
Dickinson, Moses, 1759, '62, '63, '65, '67, '69, '71-78, '81.  
Dickinson, Nathaniel, 1764, '72-75.



- Dickinson, Nathaniel (2), 1779.  
 Dickinson, Nathaniel C., 1821, '28, '29, '33.  
 Dickinson, Oliver, 1824-27, '38.  
 Dickinson, Porter, 1865-69.  
 Dickinson, Reuben, 1772-75, '77, '78.  
 Dickinson, Simeon, 1776.  
 Dickinson, Waitstill, 1845-49, '73.  
 Dickinson, William, 1855.  
 Dickinson, Zebina, 1826-29, '32.  
 Eastman, Austin, 1854, '55, '58.  
 Eastman, Baxter, 1857.  
 Eastman, John, 1814-16.  
 Eastman, Joseph, 1761, '63, '65, '67, '69, '76.  
 Eastman, Joseph (2), 1786, '89-91.  
 Eastman, Solomon K., 1832, '33.  
 Edwards, Jonathan, 1760, '64, '66, '68, '70.  
 Field, John, 1761, '66, '68, '71, '87.  
 Franklin, Nathan, 1802-07, '17.  
 Gaylord, Eleazer, 1835.  
 Gaylord, Flavel, 1870-72.  
 Goodale, Hosea, 1821.  
 Goodman, Timothy S., 1819.  
 Greenfield, Timothy, 1788.  
 Gunn, Lyman, 1845, '46.  
 Hammond, Salem, 1844.  
 Haskins, Henry W., 1888-94.  
 Hastings, James, 1855.  
 Hastings, Moses, 1797, '98, 1801, 1808-11, '13.  
 Hastings, Samuel, 1799-1801.  
 Hastings, Thomas, 1780, '83, '88.  
 Hastings, Thomas (2), 1834, '39.  
 Hawley, Zebina, 1823, '35.  
 Henderson, Gideon, 1781.  
 Henderson, Timothy, 1793, 1802-07.  
 Hills, Leonard M., 1836, '37, '50, '51.  
 Hobart, Edmund, 1873, '74.  
 Howe, Albin P., 1852.  
 Howland, Warren S., 1835.  
 Hubbard, Isaac, 1781.  
 Hunt, Oliver D., 1880-82, '88.  
 Hunt, William W., 1891-93.  
 Hyde, Andrew, 1822, '23.  
 Ingram, Ebenezer, 1808.  
 Ingram, Elisha, 1763.  
 Ingram, Ezra, 1836-38, '44, '52, '53, '56.  
 '59-69.  
 Ingram, Harrison, 1870-72, '75, '76, '78.  
 Ingram, Samuel, 1766.  
 Jones, Levi, 1824, '25.  
 Kellogg, Daniel, 1760, '62.  
 Kellogg, Daniel (2), 1792, '93.  
 Kellogg, Eleazer, 1840, '41, '43, '61-63, '65-69.  
 Kellogg, John, 1802-07.  
 Kellogg, Martin, 1780, '83.  
 Kellogg, Rufus, 1824.  
 Kellogg, Willard M., 1840, '49, '59.  
 Kellogg, William, 1830, '31.  
 King, Ebenezer A., 1881-83.  
 Lessey, Chauncey W., 1873-77.  
 Marshall, Ansel C., 1847-51.  
 Mattoon, Ebenezer, 1773-75, '79, '89-91.  
 '1817, '18, '30, '31.  
 Merrick, Aaron, 1808-13, '19.  
 Merrick, Allen P., 1875, '76.  
 Merrick, James, 1779.  
 Merrick, James E., 1878-80.  
 Merrick, William, 1841.  
 Merrill, Calvin, 1808, '09, '13, '17, '18.  
 Montague, Zebina, 1794-98.  
 Moody, Joel, 1784.  
 Moody, Jonathan, 1760.  
 Munson, Parnell, 1887, '88.  
 Nash, John, 1785.  
 Nash, Luther, 1840.  
 Nelson, Seth, 1821.  
 Nims, Seth, 1840, '41.  
 Nutting, George, 1820, '26, '27.  
 Nutting, Truman, 1850, '51.  
 Palmer, Dwight W., 1878, '79.  
 Palmer, Frederick A., 1838, '43, '44.  
 Parker, Eli, 1780, '83.  
 Pomeroy, David, 1857.  
 Pomeroy, Edward P., 1884.  
 Pomeroy, Harlan L., 1861.  
 Prince, George H., 1872.



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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Rice, Jonathan, 1834.                        | Stanley, Edward A., 1854.                       |
| Roberts, Charles, 1839.                      | Stetson, Gideon, 1799, 1800, 1802-04.           |
| Robinson, A. J., 1877.                       | Stockbridge, Levi, 1870, '83-87, '89, '90.      |
| Rust, Benoni, 1820.                          | Stone, Fred L., 1884-86, '89, '90.              |
| Rust, Nelson, 1838.                          | Sweetser, Luke, 1833.                           |
|                                              | Strong, Simeon, 1762, '69, '71.                 |
| Smith, Alexander, 1762, '66, '68, '71, '80.  |                                                 |
| Smith, Charles S., 1871.                     | Thayer, Asahel, 1822, '25, '33.                 |
| Smith, Chester, 1812.                        |                                                 |
| Smith, Cotton, 1840.                         | Ufford, Henry L., 1895, '96.                    |
| Smith, David, 1812.                          |                                                 |
| Smith, Eleazer, 1783.                        | Wakefield, Salmon, 1891, '92.                   |
| Smith, Elijah, 1809-11.                      | Warner, Josiah, 1779, '88.                      |
| Smith, Elisha, 1782, '85-87, '89-91, '94-96. | Warner, Josiah (2), 1821.                       |
| Smith, Jonathan, 1782.                       | Watson, Oliver, 1841.                           |
| Smith, Nathaniel, 1754.                      | Wheelock, Russell T., 1845, '46, '48, '57, '58. |
| Smith, Noah, 1785, '92, '95, '96, 1800, '01. | Williams, Chester, 1809-12.                     |
| Smith, Peter, 1761, '64, '71.                | Williams, Ebenezer, 1823, '28, '29, '32, '43.   |
| Smith, Simeon, 1776.                         | Williams, Enos D., 1852-54.                     |
| Smith, Stephen, 1784.                        | Williams, Joseph, 1776-78.                      |
| Smith, William E., 1894-96.                  | Williams, Justus, 1813-16, '20.                 |

## TOWN CLERKS.

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adams, John S., 1835.               | Emerson, John M., 1856.     |
| Bangs, Edward D., 1880-87.          | Fitch, Newton, 1846, '47.   |
| Boltwood, Lucius, 1830-34.          |                             |
| Boyden, James W., 1848-52, '54.     | Howe, Albin P., 1853-55.    |
|                                     | Hunt, Oliver D., 1894, '95. |
| Carter, Samuel C., 1837-45, '57-79. | Hunt, William A., 1888-93.  |
| Chauncey, Josiah, 1758-62, '67.     |                             |
| Coleman, Seth, 1768-74, '88-1803.   | Mattoon, Ebenezer, 1823-27. |
| Conkey, Ithamar, 1828, '29.         |                             |
|                                     | Nash, John, 1735-57.        |
| Dickinson, Nathaniel, Jr., 1775-87. |                             |
| Dickinson, Samuel F., 1804-18.      | Smith, Elisha, 1820-22.     |
| Dwight, Elijah, 1819.               | Strong, Simeon, 1763-66.    |
|                                     |                             |
| Edwards, Charles H., 1896.          | Wheelock, Russell T., 1836. |





## TOWN TREASURERS.

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adams, John S., 1835.               | Eastman, Joseph, 1758-63.   |
| Bangs, Edward D., 1880-87.          | Edwards, Charles H., 1896.  |
| Boltwood, Lucius, 1830-34.          | Emerson, John M., 1856.     |
| Boyden, James W., 1848-52, '54.     | Fitch, Newton, 1846, '47.   |
| Carter, Samuel C., 1837-45, '57-79. | Howe, Albin P., 1853-55.    |
| Coleman, Seth, 1785-1802.           | Hunt, Oliver D., 1894, '95. |
| Conkey, Ithamar, 1828, '29.         | Hunt, William A., 1888-93.  |
| Cowls, John, 1740, '41.             |                             |
| Cutler, Isaac G., 1826, '27.        | Kellogg, Ebenezer, 1735.    |
| Dickinson, Ebenezer, 1742-56.       | Nash, John, 1737-39.        |
| Dickinson, Jonathan, 1757.          |                             |
| Dickinson, Nathaniel, Jr., 1775-84. | Smith, Nathaniel, 1736.     |
| Dickinson, Ransom, 1820-23.         | Strong, Simeon, 1764-74.    |
| Dickinson, Samuel F., 1803-18.      |                             |
| Dwight, Elijah, 1819.               | Wheelock, Russell T., 1836. |
|                                     | White, Jay, 1824, '25.      |

## MODERATORS AT ANNUAL MEETINGS.

|                                                                     |                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Baker, Elijah, 1782.                                                | Dickinson, Medad, 1800, 1804, '10, '11.       |
| Baker, Osmyn, 1827, '29-32, '38, '39.                               | Dickinson, Moses, 1764, '74-76.               |
| Billings, John, 1773, '78.                                          | Dickinson, Nathaniel, Jr., 1784, '85.         |
| Boltwood, Ebenezer, 1789, '92, '93, '98, 1802, 1805.                | Dickinson, William A., 1881-95.               |
| Boyden, James W., 1854.                                             | Eastman, Joseph, 1777.                        |
| Chauncey, Josiah, 1761, '62, '66-69, '71.                           | Field, John, 1786.                            |
| Church, Joseph, 1788.                                               |                                               |
| Conkey, Ithamar, 1828.                                              | Gridley, Timothy J., 1820-24, '26, '34, '36,  |
| Conkey, Ithamar F., 1847, '48, '50-53, '55-74.                      | '37, '40, '41.                                |
| Cooley, Daniel, 1807.                                               | Hawley, Samuel, 1735, '36.                    |
| Cowls, John, 1741.                                                  |                                               |
| Cowls, Jonathan, 1748.                                              | Kellogg, Ebenezer, 1742, '44, '49.            |
| Cowls, Rufus, 1818, '19.                                            |                                               |
|                                                                     | Mack, Samuel E., 1845.                        |
| Delano, Charles, 1844, '46.                                         | Mattoon, Ebenezer, 1790, '91, '97, '99, 1801, |
| Dickinson, Ebenezer, 1737, '38, '40, '45, '47, '50-53, '56, '58-60. | '03, '06, '08, '09, '12, 13.                  |
|                                                                     | Merrill, Calvin, 1815.                        |
| Dickinson, Edward, 1833, '35, '42, '43, '49.                        | Montague, Zebina, 1787, '94, '95.             |
| Dickinson, Jonathan, 1765.                                          |                                               |



Nash, John, 1754, '55, '57.

Parmenter, Charles O., 1896.

Peck, Nathaniel, 1781.

Smith, Aaron, 1743.

Smith, Alexander, 1772, '80.

Smith, Elisha, 1783, '96.

Smith, Elisha (2), 1825.

Smith, Peletiah, 1739, '46.

Stockbridge, Levi, 1875-78.

Strong, Simeon, 1763, '70.

Thomas, Edward A., 1879.

Webster, Edward E., 1880.

Webster, Noah, 1814, '17.

Williams, Joseph, 1779.

## Appendix B.

### TOWN FINANCES.

Previous to the year 1860, the town of Amherst had no bonded debt. When expenditures exceeded appropriations, or expenses were incurred for which no appropriation had been made, the town borrowed money of individuals, giving in return town notes or orders, sometimes with and sometimes without interest. These obligations were seldom allowed to stand for more than one or two years; they were small in amount and the interest paid on them was not burdensome. The taxpayers of Amherst, who for the past thirty years have found their burden of taxation rendered heavier by payments on the town debt and interest charges, will naturally be interested in learning when and for what purposes this debt was contracted, what payments have been made upon it and what it has cost the town for interest. In compiling the following facts and figures, reference has been made to the records of town-meetings, the town treasurer's journal and the annual town reports.

When, in 1860, the town voted to adopt the graded system in its public schools, it was found necessary to erect new buildings for school purposes. In order to secure the necessary funds, the town voted, April 10, 1860, to issue town bonds or orders for a sum not exceeding \$10,000, in amounts of \$500 each, one to be payable in each year for the twenty years following. June 15, it was voted to increase the sum to \$12,000. The bonds were issued during the year 1860 and were purchased by residents of the town; they bore interest at the rate of 6 per cent. The town treasurer, in his report for the year ending March 1, 1861, gives the following statement of the town's indebtedness: Outstanding orders on interest, \$3,360; interest due, \$131.10; bills due, \$777.47; resources, \$186.83; net debt, \$4,081.74; school bonds, \$12,000. At the annual meeting held March 11, 1861, it was voted to raise \$1,145 for the payment of interest on school bonds and the redemption of one bond. The treasurer's journal shows that during the year 1861 one school



bond of \$500 was paid and interest amounting to \$647.50. May 1, the selectmen were authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$5,000 for military expenses.

1862. March 1, treasurer's statement: Orders on interest, \$6,333; interest due, 215; bills due, 1,049.75; resources, 1,406.80; net debt, 6,190.95; school bonds, 11,500. Appropriations, March 3, 1,190 for school bonds and interest, 2,000 for town debts. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 700. At a special meeting held July 21, the selectmen were authorized to borrow money to pay bounties to volunteers; this same vote was repeated Aug. 25, and again Oct. 11. At a meeting held Dec. 30, the selectmen were instructed to fund the town debt at as low a rate as possible, not exceeding five per cent.

1863. March 1, treasurer's statement: Orders on interest, \$15,571.84; interest due, 600; bills due, 1,256.19; resources, 4,089.49; net debt, 13,347.54; school bonds, 11,000. Appropriations, March 2, 1,170 for school bonds and interest, 2,000 for town debts. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 670; loans, 17,918.98. At the annual meeting held March 2, the selectmen were instructed to issue town bonds for military purposes, to the amount of 11,000, in sums of 500 each, payable one each year, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. These bonds were issued April 1 and were purchased by residents of the town.

1864. March 1, treasurer's statement: Orders on interest, \$5,612; interest due, 1,101; bills due, 1,140.18; resources, 5,504.64; net debt, 2,348.54; school bonds, 10,500; military bonds, 11,000. Appropriations, March 7: 1,140, for school bonds and interest; 1,050, for military bonds and interest; 2,000, for town debts. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 640; military bond, 500; interest, 562.50; military expenses, 11,738.85; interest, 334.63. Jan. 25, 1864, it was voted to grant 50,000 to the Agricultural College.

1865. March 1, treasurer's statement: Orders on interest, \$17,601.87; interest due, 585; bills due, 907.74; resources, 6,813.80; net debt, 12,280.81; school bonds, 10,000; military bonds, 10,500. Appropriations, March 6: School bonds and interest, 1,100; military bonds and interest, 1,040; town debts, 2,000; military expenses, bounties and refunding, 10,750. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 600; military bond, 500; interest, 535.40; loans, 22,519.55.

1866. March 1, treasurer's statement: Orders on interest, \$6,671; interest due, 270; bills due, 884.44; resources, 3,537.57; net debt, 4,287.87; school bonds, 9,500; military bonds, 10,000. Appropriations, March 5: School bonds and interest, 1,070; military bonds and interest, 1,010; town debts, 2,000. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 570; military bond, 500; interest, 510.40; loans, 8,723; interest, 562.27.

1867. March 1, treasurer's statement: Orders on interest, \$6,532.13; interest due, 210.01; bills due, 1,327.52; resources, 3,399.20; net debt, 4,670.46; school bonds, 9,000; military bonds, 9,500. Appropriations, March 4: School bonds and interest, 1,040; military bonds and interest, 985; town debts, 2,000. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 540; military bond, 500; interest, 487.50; loans, 20,757.64; interest, 2,186.94; Agricultural College, 50,000. At a special meeting, held Aug. 10, the selectmen were instructed to borrow for the use of the town \$10,000, for paying the note of the general school committee for balance of the purchase of the academy property, and for building a new school-house on the same. Early in January, town bonds to the amount of \$50,000 were prepared, for the purpose of raising funds to pay to the trustees of the Agricultural College. Owing to various causes, only \$15,750 were sold at the time.



1868. March 1, treasurer's statement: Orders on interest, \$38.926.49; interest due, 1,089.60; bills due, 876.10; resources, 2,858.48; net debt, 38,033.71; school bonds, 8,500; military bonds, 9,000; college bonds, 15,750. Appropriations, March 2: School bonds and interest, 1,010; military bonds and interest, 963; town debts, 2,000; interest, 3,500. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 510; military bond, 500; interest, 460.40; loans, 41,673.85; interest, 4,546.22. At a special meeting held June 25, the selectmen and treasurer were authorized to borrow of the state treasurer a sum not exceeding \$34,000, at six per cent. interest, payments to be made at the rate of \$2,000 per year, and to cancel the remaining \$34,000 of college bonds. In accordance with this vote, the selectmen borrowed of the state treasurer \$32,000 for the Agricultural College and \$10,000 to pay the balance due on the academy lot and to build a new school-house.

1869. March 1, treasurer's statement: School bonds, \$8,000; military bonds, 8,500; college bonds, 16,000; loans of state treasurer, 42,000; loans of Amherst Savings bank, 2,000; outstanding orders on interest, 1,468.04; interest due, 1,227; bills due, 244.17; resources, 2,791.03; net debt, 76,648.18. Appropriations, March 1: School bonds and interest, 980; military bonds and interest, 935; college bonds and interest, 2,960; interest, 2,800. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 480; military bond, 500; interest, 435.40; loans, 8,068.67; interest, 4,202.60.

1870. March 1, treasurer's statement: School bonds, 7,500; military bonds, 8,000; college bonds, 14,000; loans state treasurer, 42,000; loans savings bank, 11,000; outstanding orders on interest, 1,300; interest due, 1,421; bills due, 490.25; resources, 3,149.03; net debt, 82,562.22. Appropriations, March 7: School bonds and interest, 950; military bonds and interest, 910; interest on college bonds, 840; town debts, 4,000; interest, 3,300. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 450; military bond, 500; interest, 410.40; loans, 10,450; interest, 4,683.73. Oct. 4, the town instructed its treasurer to subscribe \$100,000 to stock of the Central Massachusetts railroad.

1871. March 1, treasurer's statement: School bonds, \$7,000; military bonds, 7,500; college bonds, 14,000; loans state treasurer, 42,000; loans Amherst Savings bank, 13,500; orders on interest, 2,650; interest due, 1,103.91; bills due, 385.13; resources, 2,303.06; net debt, 85,835.98. Appropriations, March 6: School bonds and interest, 920; military bonds and interest, 885; college bonds and interest, 1,340; town debts, 5,000; interest, 3,820. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 420; military bond, 500; interest, 385.42; Mass. Central R. R., 20,000; loans, 15,979.66; interest, 4,836.62. At a special meeting held Nov. 7, the treasurer and chairman of the selectmen were instructed to make a loan in behalf of the town, from the state treasurer, of 20,000, at 6 1/2 per cent. interest, for 20 years, to pay the first assessment on the stock of the Mass. Central R. R. They were authorized to make loans of the state treasurer for the remaining assessments as they came due.

1872. March 1, treasurer's statement: School bonds, \$6,500; military bonds, 7,000; college bonds, 14,000; loans state treasurer, 62,000; loans Amherst Savings bank, 14,500; orders on interest, 1,450; interest due, 1,714.92; bills due, 552.66; resources, 6,729.77; net debt, 100,987.81. Appropriations, March 4: School bonds and interest, 890; military bonds and interest, 860; interest on college bonds, 825; town debts, 5,000; interest, 5,000. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 390; military bond, 500; interest, 360.42; college bond, 500; interest, 825; loans, 6,918; Mass. Central R. R., 20,000.

1873. March 1, treasurer's statement: School bonds, \$6,000; military bonds, 6,500; college bonds, 13,500; loans state treasurer, 62,000; loans Amherst Savings





bank, 32,500; orders on interest, 4,482; bills due, 600; resources, 5,415.17; net debt, 120,166.83. Appropriations, March 3: School bonds and interest, 860; military bonds and interest, 835; college bonds and interest, 2,810; interest, 11,600. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 360; military bond, 500; interest, 335.42; college bond, 500; interest, 803.75; loans, 58,332; interest, 10,896.46; Mass. Central R. R., 60,000. At a special meeting held May 30, the town voted to borrow of the Franklin Institution for Savings, at Greenfield, \$50,000 for the use of the town for a period not exceeding 20 years, with interest at the rate of seven per cent., the town to give notes for the same payable in ten equal sums of \$5,000 per annum, from 1884 to 1894. It was also voted to borrow of the Amherst Savings bank \$30,000, at seven per cent. interest, payable in ten equal payments of \$3,000 per year, from 1874 to 1884.

1874. March 1, treasurer's statement: School bonds, \$5,500; military bonds, 6,000; college bonds, 13,000; loans state treasurer, 62,000; loans Franklin Institution, 50,000; loans Amherst Savings bank, 43,500; orders and notes, 8,735; bills, 397.63; resources, 8,010.52; net debt, 181,122.11. This included, railroad notes, 100,000; college notes and bonds, 43,500; school-house note, 10,000; school bonds, 5,500; military bonds, 6,000. Appropriations, March 2: School bonds and interest, 830; military bonds and interest, 810; college bonds and interest, 2,780; interest, 11,100. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 330; military bond, 500; interest, 297.92; college bonds, 2,000; interest, 736.25; loans, 10,050; interest, 11,109.20.

1875. March 1, treasurer's statement: Notes and bonds, \$182,185; bills, 353; resources, 2,865.22; net debt, 179,672.78. Appropriations March 1: School bonds and interest, 800; military bonds and interest, 775; college bonds, interest, 570; interest, 11,000. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 300; military bond, 500; interest, 272.92; college bonds, interest, 570; loans, 11,050; interest, 11,129.70.

1876. March 1, treasurer's statement: Notes and bonds, \$182,875; bills, 740; resources, 2,088.15; net debt, 180,786.85. Appropriations March 6: Bonds and debts and interest on bonds, 6,040; interest, 11,100. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 270; military bond, 500; interest, 248; college bond and interest, 1,066.50; loans, 10,735; interest, 11,079.97.

1877. March 1, treasurer's statement: Notes and bonds, \$178,200; bills, 263; resources, 2,433.42; net debt, 176,029.58. Appropriations March 5: School bonds and interest, 740; military bonds and interest, 725; agricultural bonds and interest, 2,492; town debts, 3,000; interest, 10,900. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 240; military bond, 500; interest, 225; college bonds and interest, 2,021.25; town debts, 27,700; loans, 7,000; interest, 10,845.85.

1878. March 1, treasurer's statement: Notes and bonds, \$175,700; bills, 1,500; resources, 2,056.50; net debt, 175,143.50. Appropriations, March 4: School bonds and interest, 700; college bonds and interest, 2,390; town debts, 3,000; interest, 10,500. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 210; military bond, 500; interest, 200; college bonds and interest, 2,390; loans, 9,500; town debt, 4,500; interest, 10,745.80.

1879. March 1, treasurer's statement: Notes and bonds, \$169,700; resources, 2,296.93; net debt, 167,403.07. Appropriations, March 3: School bonds and interest, 680; military bonds and interest, 675; college bond and interest, 815; town debts, 3,000; interest, 10,300. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 180; military bond, 500; interest, 172.92; agricultural bond and interest, 815; loans, 6,000; debts, 5,000; interest, 10,217.17.



1880. March 1, treasurer's statement: Notes and bonds, \$163,200; resources, 1,846.65; net debt, 161,353.35. Appropriations, March 1: Town debts, 6,000; interest, 10,510. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 150; military bond, 500; interest, 147.92; agricultural bonds and interest, 2,030; debts, 3,000; loans, 8,000; interest, 10,171.72.

1881. March 1, treasurer's statement: Notes and bonds, \$157,200; resources, 1,594.11; net debt, 155,650.89. Appropriations, March 7: School bond, 500; military bond, 500; college note, 2,000; savings bank note, 3,000; interest, 10,125. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 120; military bond, 500; interest, 122.92; college note and interest, 2,030; debts, 3,000; loans, 5,000; interest, 9,904.78.

1882. Bonded debt, \$151,200. Appropriations, March 6: School bond, 500; military bond, 500; college note, 2,000; savings bank note, 3,000; interest, 9,700. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 90; military bond, 500; interest, 97.92; college note and interest, 2,030; debt, 3,000; loans, 7,000; interest, 9,496.67.

1883. Bonded debt, \$145,200. Appropriations, March 5: Debts, 7,200; interest, 9,000. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 60; military bond, 500; interest, 72.92; college note and interest, 2,030; debt, 3,000; loans, 10,500; interest, 8,903.

1884. Bonded debt, \$139,200. Appropriations, March 3: Debts, 8,700; interest, 8,500. Paid: School bond, 500; interest, 30; military bond, 500; interest, 47.92; college note and interest, 2,030; debts, 5,000; loans, 11,000; interest, 8,455.47. At the annual meeting held March 3, the town instructed the selectmen and treasurer to refund 4,000 of the town debt falling due that year, at a lower rate of interest.

1885. Bonded debt, \$131,200. Appropriations, March 2: Debts, 9,900; interest, 8,000. Paid: Military bond, 500; interest, 22.92; college note and interest, 2,030; debt, 7,000; loans, 11,500; interest, 7,906.93.

1886. Bonded debt, \$121,700. Appropriation, March 1: Interest, 7,400. Paid: College note and interest, 2,030; debts, 8,000; loans, 1,500; interest, 7,233.89. At the annual meeting held March 1, the town instructed the selectmen and treasurer to refund 9,000 of the town debt falling due that year for 12 years at a rate of interest not to exceed 3 1-2 per cent.

1887. Bonded debt, \$120,700. Appropriations, March 14: Debts, 7,000; interest, 7,000. Paid: College note and interest, 2,030; debts, 5,000; interest, 6,960.22.

1888. Bonded debt, \$113,700. Appropriations, March 5: Debts, 7,000; interest, 6,000. Paid: College note and interest, 2,030; debts, 15,000; interest, 6,338.81. At the annual meeting held March 5, the treasurer was authorized to borrow 10,000 in the name of the town to refund an equal amount of the town debt falling due that year.

1889. Bonded debt, \$106,700. Appropriations, March 4: Debts, 7,000; interest, 6,000. Paid: College note and interest, 2,030; debts, 5,000; interest, 5,878.74. At an adjourned session of the annual meeting held March 5, it was voted to raise and appropriate 40,000 for a town hall. The money remaining in the treasury, amounting to 6,000 or 7,000, should be used as a part of the appropriation, and the selectmen were authorized to contract a 20-years loan not exceeding 33,000, and give a note or notes of the town therefor. At a special meeting held Nov. 11, the selectmen were authorized to contract a loan of 50,000 for ten years, and give notes or issue bonds for the same at 4 1-2 per cent interest.

1890. Bonded debt, \$149,700. Appropriations, March 3: Debt, 7,000; interest, 7,600. Paid: College note and interest, 2,030; debt, 5,000; interest, 7,196.74.



1891. Bonded debt, \$142,700. Appropriations, March 2: Debts, 14,000; interest, 7,200. Paid: Franklin Institution for Savings, 5,000; state treasurer, 22,000; interest, 7,017.89. At the annual meeting held March 2, the selectmen were instructed to refund 13,000 of the town debt falling due that year, by borrowing the money and giving notes of the town therefor. At a special meeting held Aug. 8, the treasurer was authorized to pay 5,000 from unappropriated money and 2,000 appropriated for interest, on the debt falling due Nov. 7.

1892. Bonded debt, \$134,650. Appropriations, March 7: Debt, 7,000; interest, 6,500. Paid: Franklin Institution for Savings, 5,000; state treasury, 2,000; interest, 5,847.66.

1893. Bonded debt, \$123,650. Appropriations, March 6: Debt, 7,000; interest, 4,800. Paid: Franklin Institution for Savings, 5,000; state treasury, 2,000; interest, 5,354.25.

1894. Bonded debt, \$116,650. Appropriations, March 5: Debt, 4,000; interest, 4,500. Paid: State treasury, 2,000; Amherst Savings bank, 1,950; interest, 5,066.58.

1895. Bonded debt, \$112,700. Appropriations, March 4: Debt, 4,000; interest, 4,300. Paid: State treasury, 2,000; interest, 4,918.40.

1896. Bonded debt, \$110,700. Appropriations, March 2: Debts, 2,000; interest, 4,750.

The above statement shows the total amount of notes and bonds issued by the town from 1861 to 1896 inclusive, not including the sums charged to the refunding account, to be \$233,000, divided as follows: School bonds, \$12,000; military bonds, \$11,000; Agricultural College bonds and notes, \$50,000; academy and school-house note, \$10,000; railroad notes, \$100,000; town hall bonds, \$50,000. It is interesting and instructive to note the sums that the town has paid for interest on this indebtedness during the same term of years, amounting in the aggregate to \$241,686.12, or some \$8,000 more than the original debt. The payments of interest for each year, as copied from the treasurer's book, are as follows:

|                |                   |                  |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1861—\$ 812.20 | 1873—\$ 11,895.63 | 1885—\$ 7,959.85 |
| 1862, 850.64   | 1874, 12,473.37   | 1886, 7,263.89   |
| 1863, 1,545.76 | 1875, 12,272.42   | 1887, 6,990.22   |
| 1864, 1,537.13 | 1876, 12,249.95   | 1888, 6,368.81   |
| 1865, 2,349.88 | 1877, 11,832.10   | 1889, 5,908.74   |
| 1866, 1,642.67 | 1878, 11,275.80   | 1890, 7,226.74   |
| 1867, 3,214.44 | 1879, 10,885.09   | 1891, 7,017.89   |
| 1868, 5,516.60 | 1880, 10,499.64   | 1892, 5,847.66   |
| 1869, 5,118.00 | 1881, 10,077.70   | 1893, 5,354.25   |
| 1870, 5,544.13 | 1882, 9,714.59    | 1894, 5,066.58   |
| 1871, 5,642.04 | 1883, 9,065.92    | 1895, 4,918.40   |
| 1872, 7,184.00 | 1884, 8,563.39    |                  |



## VALUATIONS, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TAX RATES.

The tax-rate of a town or city is a matter of special interest to all the taxpayers living therein. This rate is governed by valuations and appropriations. The following table gives the total amount of town appropriations, at annual or special meetings, save the sums comprised in the funded debt, for the past half century. It also gives the amount of each year's expenditures, including money borrowed, as copied from the treasurer's journal. A list of valuations and tax-rates for the past thirty years is also given.

| Year. | Valuation.     | Appropriations | Expenditures. | Tax-Rate. |
|-------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1846  |                | \$ 3,970       | \$ 4,778.52   |           |
| 1847  |                | 4,220          | 4,952.33      |           |
| 1848  |                | 5,215          | 6,190.02      |           |
| 1849  |                | 4,820          | 6,527.49      |           |
| 1850  |                | 4,620          | 5,824.18      |           |
| 1851  |                | 5,020          | 7,146.70      |           |
| 1852  |                | 5,135          | 8,956.64      |           |
| 1853  |                | 4,920          | 9,341.21      |           |
| 1854  |                | 6,020          | 10,807.91     |           |
| 1855  |                | 7,025          | 13,743.49     |           |
| 1856  |                | 7,325          | 12,388.54     |           |
| 1857  |                | 6,725          | 11,997.38     |           |
| 1858  |                | 7,425          | 11,210.45     |           |
| 1859  |                | 6,425          | 15,830.70     |           |
| 1860  |                | 8,000          | 11,909.24     |           |
| 1861  |                | 7,445          | 27,256.84     |           |
| 1862  |                | 10,290         | 27,554.68     |           |
| 1863  |                | 10,770         | 45,148.82     |           |
| 1864  |                | 21,915         | 47,335.88     |           |
| 1865  |                | 24,190         | 55,274.63     |           |
| 1866  | \$2,339,341.00 | 16,580         | 39,521.99     | \$11.00   |
| 1867  | 2,508,677.00   | 19,925         | 108,622.31    | 15.00     |
| 1868  | 2,487,971.00   | 22,573         | 81,693.28     | 12.00     |
| 1869  | 2,652,370.00   | 25,675         | 53,392.04     | 13.00     |
| 1870  | 2,721,544.00   | 29,200         | 57,954.19     | 15.00     |
| 1871  | 2,813,464.00   | 31,065         | 73,677.42     | 15.00     |
| 1872  | 2,859,023.00   | 34,475         | 76,308.00     | 16.00     |
| 1873  | 2,877,137.00   | 35,905         | 172,977.41    | 17.00     |
| 1874  | 2,567,124.00   | 37,170         | 60,796.86     | 18.00     |
| 1875  | 2,637,450.00   | 32,945         | 56,956.65     | 16.00     |
| 1876  | 2,542,653.00   | 32,840         | 52,145.10     | 16.00     |
| 1877  | 2,422,342.00   | 35,032         | 79,826.43     | 17.20     |
| 1878  | 2,410,305.00   | 38,371         | 54,014.54     | 18.50     |
| 1879  | 2,448,412.41   | 30,220         | 47,088.11     | 15.00     |
| 1880  | 2,515,423.15   | 38,610         | 57,492.69     | 19.00     |
| 1881  | 2,835,151.00   | 34,375         | 53,260.39     | 15.25     |
| 1882  | 2,542,105.00   | 39,910         | 61,657.45     | 19.00     |
| 1883  | 2,727,025.00   | 35,750         | 56,326.16     | 16.25     |
| 1884  | 2,773,882.00   | 37,750         | 62,673.20     | 17.50     |
| 1885  | 2,789,433.00   | 42,479         | 64,845.05     | 18.75     |
| 1886  | 2,835,340.00   | 29,675         | 54,292.36     | 13.80     |
| 1887  | 2,892,141.00   | 36,950         | 61,288.80     | 16.60     |
| 1888  | 3,027,072.00   | 36,950         | 71,637.01     | 15.25     |
| 1889  | 3,238,000.00   | 38,418         | 84,110.10     | 15.25     |
| 1890  | 3,290,128.00   | 42,000         | 110,947.28    | 15.75     |
| 1891  | 3,312,889.00   | 42,125         | 80,826.59     | 15.75     |
| 1892  | 3,174,303.00   | 39,650         | 64,571.72     | 15.75     |
| 1893  | 3,188,531.00   | 41,150         | 66,481.58     | 16.25     |
| 1894  | 3,122,531.00   | 48,359         | 76,254.06     | 19.25     |
| 1895  | 3,133,213.00   | 37,780         | 58,508.38     | 13.00     |





## APPROPRIATIONS.

Aside from the sums annually set apart for the support of the gospel ministry, the earlier inhabitants of Amherst were called upon to make appropriations for the support of public schools, the care of highways and the support of the poor. From 1753 up to and including 1795, the following appropriations were voted for schools: 1753, £4; 1754, £4; 1759, £20; 1760, £24; 1761, £19; 1762, £13, 6, 8; 1763, £46; 1764, £20; 1766, £27; 1767, £27; 1768, £24; 1769, £27, 10; 1770, £29, 6; 1771, £30; 1773, £35; 1776, £26; 1777, £30; 1778, £310; 1780, £1700; 1781, £24; 1782, £24; 1783, £66; 1784, £75; 1785, £70; 1786, £8, 10; 1787, £50; 1788, £54; 1789, £54; 1790, £60; 1791, £60; 1792, £70; 1793, £72; 1794, £72; 1795, £100.

The first appropriation for highways was made in 1765, the sum being £30. Other highway appropriations were: 1776, £60; 1777, £40; 1781, £15; 1782, £50; 1783, £60; 1784, £70; 1785, £70; 1787, £70; 1788, £70; 1789, £70; 1790, £70; 1791, £100; 1792, £100; 1793, £100; 1794, £100; 1795, £100.

The first appropriation for support of the poor, £2, was made in 1760. Other appropriations for this object were: 1779, £300; 1780, £600; 1789, £6; 1790, £17, 1; 1791, £12; 1792, £36, 1793, £20.

The following tables, beginning with the year 1796, when the sums were first reckoned in dollars and cents, show the amounts that have been appropriated each year for a century past for schools, highways and the support of the poor. Of the school appropriations amounting to \$371,808.34, over 75 per cent., or \$280,275, have been granted in the past thirty years. Of the highway appropriations, amounting to \$146,083.32, over 62 per cent., or \$91,900, have been granted since 1865. Of the pauper appropriations, amounting to \$92,735, over 64 per cent., or \$59,800, have been granted in the last thirty years.

| Year. | Schools. | Highways. | Poor. | Year. | Schools. | Highways. | Poor. |
|-------|----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------|-----------|-------|
| 1796  | \$333.34 | \$400.    |       | 1822  | \$ 600   | \$ 600    | \$400 |
| 1797  | 333.34   | 333.33    | \$ 80 | 1823  | 600      | 600       | 600   |
| 1798  | 266.67   | 333.34    |       | 1824  | 600      | 700       | 700   |
| 1799  | 333.33   | 333.33    |       | 1825  | 600      | 600       | 700   |
| 1800  | 333.33   | 333.33    |       | 1826  | 600      | 600       | 600   |
| 1801  | 333.33   | 400.      | 75    | 1827  | 600      | 800       | 600   |
| 1802  | 400.     | 333.33    | 50    | 1828  | 750      | 800       | 600   |
| 1803  | 400.     | 333.33    |       | 1829  | 750      |           | 600   |
| 1804  | 400.     | 333.33    |       | 1830  | 800      | 600       | 600   |
| 1805  | 400.     | 400.      |       | 1831  | 800      | 800       | 600   |
| 1806  | 400.     | 400.      | 130   | 1832  | 1,200    | 800       | 700   |
| 1807  | 400.     | 300.      |       | 1833  | 900      | 800       | 650   |
| 1808  | 550.     | 300.      | 150   | 1834  | 900      | 800       | 650   |
| 1809  | 550.     | 400.      | 150   | 1835  | 1,000    | 800       | 800   |
| 1810  | 550.     | 400.      | 100   | 1836  | 1,000    | 800       | 800   |
| 1811  | 550.     | 400.      |       | 1837  | 1,200    | 1,000     | 1,000 |
| 1812  | 550.     | 400.      | 150   | 1838  | 1,200    | 1,000     |       |
| 1813  | 600.     | 450.      | 100   | 1839  | 1,200    | 1,000     | 700   |
| 1814  | 600.     | 500.      | 200   | 1840  | 1,200    | 1,000     | 600   |
| 1815  | 600.     | 500.      | 200   | 1841  | 1,200    | 1,000     | 300   |
| 1816  | 800.     | 600.      | 300   | 1842  | 1,200    | 1,000     | 550   |
| 1817  | 600.     | 600.      | 600   | 1843  | 1,200    | 1,000     | 500   |
| 1818  | 600.     | 600.      | 500   | 1844  | 1,200    | 1,000     | 400   |
| 1819  | 600.     | 600.      | 500   | 1845  | 1,350    | 1,000     | 400   |
| 1820  | 600.     | 600.      | 500   | 1846  | 1,400    | 1,000     | 350   |
| 1821  | 600.     | 600.      | 400   | 1847  | 1,500    | 1,000     | 450   |



| Year. | Schools. | Highways. | Poor. | Year. | Schools. | Highways. | Poor.   |
|-------|----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------|-----------|---------|
| 1848  | \$ 1,500 | \$1,000   | \$400 | 1873  | \$10,400 | \$2,000   | \$1,200 |
| 1849  | 1,500    | 1,000     | 500   | 1874  | 9,650    | 2,300     | 1,500   |
| 1850  | 1,600    | 1,000     | 500   | 1875  | 7,500    | 2,500     | 2,000   |
| 1851  | 2,000    | 1,000     | 600   | 1876  | 8,000    | 2,000     | 1,500   |
| 1852  | 2,100    | 1,000     | 600   | 1877  | 8,000    | 1,600     | 2,000   |
| 1853  | 2,500    | 1,000     | 700   | 1878  | 8,000    | 2,000     | 2,200   |
| 1854  | 2,500    | 1,400     | 700   | 1879  | 6,500    | 2,000     | 1,800   |
| 1855  | 2,500    | 1,400     | 700   | 1880  | 8,000    | 3,000     | 2,200   |
| 1856  | 3,100    | 1,200     | 700   | 1881  | 7,500    | 3,000     | 2,200   |
| 1857  | 2,000    | 1,200     | 500   | 1882  | 7,500    | 4,000     | 2,500   |
| 1858  | 2,000    | 1,800     | 600   | 1883  | 8,000    | 3,000     | 2,300   |
| 1859  | 2,000    | 800       | 600   | 1884  | 8,200    | 3,500     | 2,500   |
| 1860  | 1,500    | 1,200     | 700   | 1885  | 8,800    | 3,500     | 3,000   |
| 1861  | 3,200    | 800       | 800   | 1886  | 8,500    | 3,000     | 3,000   |
| 1862  | 3,800    | 1,000     | 800   | 1887  | 9,000    | 3,500     | 2,500   |
| 1863  | 4,000    | 1,200     | 1,000 | 1888  | 9,975    | 4,000     | 2,000   |
| 1864  | 4,500    | 1,200     | 1,000 | 1889  | 10,100   | 4,000     | 1,800   |
| 1865  | 5,000    | 1,200     | 1,000 | 1890  | 10,000   | 4,500     | 1,800   |
| 1866  | 6,000    | 1,500     | 1,500 | 1891  | 10,000   | 4,000     | 2,000   |
| 1867  | 7,500    | 2,000     | 1,600 | 1892  | 10,000   | 4,000     | 2,000   |
| 1868  | 7,500    | 2,000     | 1,600 | 1893  | 14,150   | 4,000     | 2,200   |
| 1869  | 7,500    | 3,000     | 1,600 | 1894  | 13,000   | 4,000     | 2,200   |
| 1870  | 9,500    | 3,000     | 1,600 | 1895  | 13,600   | 3,000     | 1,800   |
| 1871  | 10,000   | 3,000     | 1,600 | 1896  | 13,000   | 3,500     | 2,400   |
| 1872  | 10,900   | 3,000     | 1,200 |       |          |           |         |

## Appendix C.

### VALUATION LISTS.

Many of the old "district rates" and town valuation lists are preserved in the town clerk's office. The older ones are in somewhat dilapidated condition, torn, disfigured, the writing scarcely legible. Among them are "ministers' rates," ministers' "wood rates" and "highway rates." Two of these lists are here presented, the first taken in 1759, when the District of Amherst was set off from Hadley, the second in 1776, when the district became a town. The list of 1759 is obviously imperfect, as several names are omitted of persons known to have resided here at the time. It has, accordingly, been supplemented by names taken from a list compiled in 1760, which do not appear in the list of the preceding year. The list of 1776 is believed to be complete and accurate.



## VALUATION LIST, 1759.

| NAMES.                  | Polls. | Horses. | Oxen. | Cows. | Hogs. | Sheep. | Personal Estate. | Houses and Lands. | Real Estate. | Total. |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------|
| Allis, John             | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  | 5                 | 6:5          | 6:5    |
| Baker, Elijah           | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     | 1     |        | 9:8              | 44                | 66:0         | 75:8   |
| Belding, Hezekiah       | 1      | 1       |       | 2     |       |        | 5:0              | 11                | 15:8         | 20:8   |
| Blodgett, David         | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Boltwood, Solomon       | 2      | 2       | 3     | 6     | 1     | 6      | 20:6             | 40                | 84:0         | 104:6  |
| Boltwood, William       | 1      | 1       | 2     | 4     | 1     | 9      | 13:15            | 18                | 34:0         | 47:15  |
| Brooks, John            | 1      | 1       |       | 1     |       |        | 3:10             | 2                 | 4:0          | 7:10   |
| Chauncey, Josiah        | 1      | 2       | 3     | 4     | 1     |        | 65:8             | 32                | 55:0         | 120:8  |
| Chauncey, Richard       | 1      | 1       |       | 3     |       |        | 26:10            | 18                | 27:0         | 53:10  |
| Church, Joseph          | 1      | 1       |       | 3     | 1     |        | 16:18            | 8                 | 19:0         | 35:18  |
| Clapp, Widow Sarah      |        | 1       |       | 2     |       |        | 5:0              | 18                | 30:10        | 35:10  |
| Clark, Simeon           | 1      | 1       | 2     | 3     |       | 13     | 11:19            | 20                | 57:0         | 68:19  |
| Cleary, Joseph          | 1      | 1       |       | 2     | 1     |        | 5:8              | 25                | 44:0         | 49:8   |
| Colton, Eli             | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Cooke, Moses            | 1      | 2       | 2     | 3     |       |        | 12:10            | 14                | 28:0         | 40:10  |
| Cowls, Jonathan         | 3      | 2       | 4     | 5     |       | 15     | 31:15            | 35                | 70:0         | 101:15 |
| Cowls, Oliver           | 1      | 1       | 2     |       |       |        | 6:0              |                   |              | 6:0    |
| Dickinson, Ebenezer     | 2      | 2       | 2     | 6     |       |        | 15:10            | 32                | 57:14        | 73:4   |
| Dickinson, Ebenezer (2) | 1      | 1       |       | 1     |       |        | 3:10             | 8                 | 19:10        | 23:0   |
| Dickinson, Gideon       | 1      | 1       |       | 4     |       |        | 8:0              | 20                | 35:10        | 43:10  |
| Dickinson, Jonathan     | 2      | 2       | 5     | 4     |       |        | 20:0             | 25                | 54:0         | 74:0   |
| Dickinson, Nathan       | 2      | 2       | 3     | 5     | 4     | 23     | 22:3             | 40                | 65:10        | 87:13  |
| Dickinson, Nathan (2)   | 1      |         | 2     | 1     |       |        | 5:10             | 2                 | 2:0          | 7:10   |
| Dickinson, Nathaniel    | 1      | 2       | 3     | 5     |       | 11     | 19:3             | 32                | 62:12        | 81:15  |
| Dickinson, Noah         | 1      | 1       | 2     | 3     |       |        | 10:10            | 12                | 21:0         | 31:10  |
| Dickinson, Reuben       | 1      | 1       |       | 3     |       |        | 6:10             | 9                 | 16:0         | 22:10  |
| Dickinson, Simeon       | 1      | 1       | 2     | 4     |       |        | 12:0             | 14                | 26:12        | 38:12  |
| Eastman, Joseph         | 1      | 2       | 4     | 5     |       |        | 19:10            | 24                | 59:6         | 79:0   |
| Edwards, Jonathan       | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       |        | 9:0              | 22                | 36:16        | 45:16  |
| Elmer, Edward           | 1      | 1       |       | 2     | 1     |        | 5:8              | 20                | 33:0         | 38:8   |
| Field, John             | 2      | 3       | 8     | 2     | 1     |        | 25:8             | 50                | 103:0        | 128:8  |
| Goodale, Isaac          | 3      | 1       |       | 2     |       |        | 25:0             | 7                 | 17:0         | 42:0   |
| Guilford, Paul          | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Harwood, Benjamin       | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Harwood, Eleazer        | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Harwood, Peter          | 1      | 2       |       | 2     | 1     | 6      | 8:6              | 15                | 13:9         | 21:15  |
| Hastings, Thomas        | 1      | 1       | 2     | 4     | 1     |        | 17:8             | 20                | 33:10        | 50:18  |
| Hawley, Moses           | 1      | 1       |       | 1     | 1     |        | 3:18             | 1                 | 1:0          | 4:18   |
| Hawley, Samuel          | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Howe, Abner             | 1      | 1       |       | 1     |       |        | 18:10            |                   |              | 18:10  |
| Hubbard, Isaac          | 1      | 1       |       | 1     |       |        | 3:10             |                   |              | 3:10   |
| Ingram, Elisha          | 1      | 2       | 4     | 3     |       |        | 32:10            | 28                | 58:8         | 90:18  |
| Ingram, John            | 1      | 1       |       | 1     | 1     |        | 3:18             |                   |              | 3:18   |
| Ingram, Philip          | 1      |         |       | 2     |       |        | 3:0              | 10                | 17:0         | 20:0   |
| Ingram, Reuben          | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       |        | 9:0              | 10                | 19:10        | 28:10  |
| Ingram, Samuel          | 1      | 3       | 3     | 4     | 1     |        | 18:8             | 35                | 73:10        | 91:18  |
| Keet, John              | 1      | 1       | 2     | 1     |       |        | 7:10             | 15                | 25:10        | 33:0   |
| Kellogg, Daniel         | 1      | 3       | 2     | 5     |       |        | 37:10            | 27                | 54:5         | 91:15  |
| Kellogg, Ebenezer       | 1      | 2       | 2     | 2     |       | 11     | 12:13            | 18                | 30:12        | 43:5   |
| Kellogg, Ephraim        | 2      | 2       | 4     | 6     | 1     | 10     | 22:18            | 30                | 70:0         | 92:18  |
| Leonard, Aaron          | 2      | 1       |       | 2     | 1     |        | 5:8              | 5                 | 9:0          | 14:8   |
| Mattoon, Ebenezer       | 1      | 2       | 2     | 4     |       |        | 14:0             | 34                | 57:0         | 71:0   |
| Moody, Nathan           | 2      | 1       | 2     | 3     |       | 5      | 11:5             | 15                | 28:10        | 39:15  |



## VALUATION LIST, 1759. (Continued.)

| NAMES.                             | Polls. | Horses. | Oxen. | Cows. | Hogs. | Sheep. | Personal Estate. | Houses and Lands. | Real Estate. | Total. |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------|
| Morton, John                       | 2      | 1       |       | 2     | 1     | 32     | 10:14            | 21                | 34:10        | 45:4   |
| Murray, William                    | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Murray, William (2)                | 1      | 2       | 2     | 3     |       | 5      | 13:5             | 16                | 24:5         | 37:10  |
| Nash, John                         | 2      | 2       | 2     | 8     | 1     |        | 20:8             | 26                | 54:8         | 74:16  |
| Nash, John (2)                     | 1      | 1       |       | 2     | 1     |        | 5:8              | 12                | 19:10        | 24:18  |
| Nash, Jonathan                     |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Sanders, Benjamin                  | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Smith, Alexander                   | 1      | 2       | 2     | 2     |       |        | 36:0             | 18                | 75:7         | 111:7  |
| Smith, David                       | 1      | 1       |       |       |       |        | 2:0              |                   |              | 2:0    |
| Smith, Jonathan                    | 3      | 2       | 4     | 3     |       |        | 16:10            | 50                | 97:0         | 113:10 |
| Smith, Jonathan (2)                | 1      |         |       | 2     |       |        | 3:0              | 10                | 17:10        | 20:10  |
| Smith, Nathaniel                   | 1      | 2       |       | 2     | 1     |        | 37:8             | 14                | 26:0         | 63:8   |
| Strong, Nehemiah                   | 1      | 2       | 2     | 2     |       |        | 11:0             | 26                | 56:0         | 67:0   |
| Ward, Isaac                        | 2      | 2       | 2     | 3     |       |        | 12:10            | 22                | 40:4         | 52:14  |
| Warner, Aaron                      | 1      | 2       |       | 3     |       |        | 38:10            | 25                | 44:10        | 84:0   |
| Warner, Moses                      | 2      | 2       | 2     | 5     |       |        | 40:10            | 32                | 54:0         | 94:10  |
| Wright, Charles                    | 1      | 2       |       | 2     |       | 6      | 7:18             | 20                | 40:10        | 48:8   |
| <i>Additional names List 1760.</i> |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Abbott, Jacob                      | 1      | 1       |       | 1     | 1     |        | 3:18             | 18                | 25:12        | 29:10  |
| Adams, Abner                       |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  | 18                | 14:8         | 14:8   |
| Adams, Isaiah                      |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  | 12                | 16:4         | 16:4   |
| Billings, John                     | 1      | 2       | 2     | 4     | 1     | 6      | 15:6             | 38                | 51:4         | 66:10  |
| Chauncey, Israel                   | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Church, Samuel                     | 2      | 1       |       | 4     | 2     |        | 8:16             | 17                | 20:16        | 29:12  |
| Clary, Elisha                      |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   | 1:12         | 1:12   |
| Coleman, Nathaniel                 | 1      | 2       | 2     | 7     | 5     | 14     | 22:12            | 30                | 49:2         | 71:14  |
| Dickinson, Daniel                  | 2      | 1       | 2     | 3     | 2     |        | 11:6             | 29                | 48:0         | 59:6   |
| Dickinson, David                   | 1      | 1       |       | 3     | 3     |        | 7:14             | 10                | 14:16        | 21:10  |
| Dickinson, John                    | 2      | 2       | 4     | 4     | 4     |        | 19:12            | 35                | 70:2         | 89:14  |
| Dickinson, Moses                   | 1      | 3       | 2     | 3     | 6     | 13     | 17:1             | 26                | 42:17        | 59:18  |
| Ellis, John                        | 1      |         |       | 1     | 2     |        | 2:6              | 8                 | 10:11        | 12:17  |
| Emmons, Robert                     | 1      |         |       |       |       |        | 8:0              | 7                 | 9:12         | 17:12  |
| Gager, Samuel                      |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  | 15                | 21:0         | 21:0   |
| Gould, Solomon                     |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   | 1:12         | 1:12   |
| Hobert, Edmond                     |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  | 6                 | 7:4          | 7:4    |
| Lee, Abner                         |        |         | 2     | 1     |       |        | 5:10             | 11                | 21:0         | 26:10  |
| Lewis, Noadiah                     | 1      | 1       |       |       |       |        | 17:0             | 21                | 3:9          | 20:9   |
| Merrick, James                     | 1      |         |       | 2     |       |        | 3:0              |                   |              | 3:0    |
| Moody, Jonathan                    | 3      | 1       | 2     | 4     | 2     |        | 37:16            | 16                | 32:6         | 60:2   |
| Moody, Jonathan (2)                | 1      | 1       |       |       |       |        | 2:0              |                   |              | 2:0    |
| Moody, Josiah                      | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Pettis, John                       | 1      | 1       |       | 2     | 2     |        | 5:16             | 12                | 12:0         | 17:16  |
| Pomeroy, Simeon                    | 1      | 1       | 2     | 1     | 4     | 8      | 10:6             | 14                | 17:2         | 27:8   |
| Rood, Benjamin                     | 1      | 1       | 2     | 4     | 1     |        | 7:18             | 8                 | 8:0          | 15:18  |
| Smith, Edward                      | 1      | 2       | 2     | 1     | 2     | 8      | 11:10            | 14                | 14:0         | 25:10  |
| Smith, Martin                      | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                   |              |        |
| Smith, Moses                       | 1      | 3       | 2     | 5     | 1     |        | 17:18            | 31                | 52:3         | 70:1   |
| Smith, Peletiah                    | 2      | 2       | 2     | 5     | 6     | 4      | 18:10            | 24                | 53:0         | 71:10  |
| Smith, Peter                       | 1      | 2       | 2     | 3     | 3     |        | 11:10            | 25                | 49:14        | 61:4   |
| Warner, Jacob                      | 2      | 2       | 4     | 3     | 3     | 9      | 19:1             | 28                | 44:4         | 63:5   |
| Williams, Ebenezer                 | 2      | 1       | 2     | 5     | 4     | 15     | 17:7             | 33                | 44:17        | 62:4   |
| Williams, Justus                   | 1      | 1       |       |       |       |        | 2:0              |                   |              | 2:0    |





## TOWN VALUATION LIST, 1776.

| NAMES.                  | Polls. | Horses. | Oxen. | Cows. | Hogs. | Sheep. | Personal Estate. | Houses and Land. | Real Estate. | Total. |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------------------|------------------|--------------|--------|
| Abbott, Widow           |        | 1       |       | 2     |       | 1      | 5:3              | 12               | 22:0         | 27:3   |
| Adams, Abner            | 2      | 1       | 3     | 4     |       | 4      | 14:12            | 16               | 30:0         | 44:12  |
| Adams, Isaiah           |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  | 15               | 26:5         | 26:5   |
| Allen, Edward           | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Ayres, Amos             | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  | 2                | 4:0          | 4:0    |
| Baker, Elijah           | 2      | 2       | 2     | 2     | 1     | 10     | 12:18            | 52               | 83:0         | 95:18  |
| Baker, Simeon           | 1      |         |       | 1     |       |        | 1:10             | 4                | 7:2          | 8:12   |
| Bascom, Thomas          | 2      | 1       |       | 2     |       |        | 45:0             | 24               | 13:15        | 58:15  |
| Belding, Hezekiah       | 1      | 1       | 4     | 2     |       |        | 13:0             | 15½              | 29:7         | 42:7   |
| Billings, Joel          | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       | 8      | 10:4             | 18               | 32:0         | 42:4   |
| Billings, John          | 2      | 2       | 2     | 5     |       | 16     | 17:18            | 55               | 89:5         | 107:3  |
| Blodgett, David         | 1      | 1       |       | 3     |       | 2      | 14:6             | 4                | 14:0         | 28:6   |
| Boles, Joseph           | 1      |         |       | 2     |       |        | 3:0              |                  |              | 3:0    |
| Boltwood, Ebenezer      | 1      | 1       |       | 1     |       | 5      | 24:5             | 20               | 35:0         | 59:5   |
| Boltwood, Samuel        | 1      | 1       |       | 1     |       | 5      | 4:5              | 25               | 43:15        | 48:0   |
| Boltwood, Solomon       |        | 2       | 2     | 8     |       | 20     | 59:0             | 15               | 50:5         | 109:5  |
| Boltwood, William       | 2      | 2       | 2     | 4     |       | 20     | 17:0             | 40               | 76:0         | 93:0   |
| Carley, Peter           | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Chauncey, Josiah        | 1      | 2       | 2     | 3     |       |        | 12:10            | 50               | 65:10        | 78:0   |
| Chays, James            |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Church, Daniel          | 1      | 1       | 2     | 1     |       | 13     | 9:9              | 12               | 18:0         | 27:9   |
| Church, Giles           | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Church, Joseph          | 1      | 1       | 2     | 4     | 2     | 2      | 13:2             | 21               | 59:10        | 72:12  |
| Church, Samuel          | 1      | 1       |       | 2     |       |        | 5:0              | 14               | 20:10        | 25:10  |
| Clapp, Oliver           | 1      | 2       |       | 2     |       | 14     | 9:2              | 17               | 36:1         | 45:3   |
| Clapp, Timothy          | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              | 10:0   |
| Clapp, William          | 1      |         |       |       |       |        | 10:0             | 1                | 3:0          | 13:0   |
| Clark, Levi             | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Clark, Simeon           | 2      | 2       | 2     | 5     | 2     | 12     | 18:2             | 38               | 132:14       | 150:16 |
| Clark, Simeon (2)       | 1      |         |       |       |       |        | 5:0              |                  | 24:10        | 29:10  |
| Coffin, Luke            | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Cole, Hezekiah          | 1      |         |       | 1     |       |        | 1:10             | 3                | 5:10         | 7:0    |
| Cole, Stephen           | 1      | 1       | 2     | 1     |       | 5      | 8:5              | 12               | 21:4         | 29:9   |
| Coleman, Nathaniel      | 2      | 2       |       | 8     |       | 15     | 25:7             | 40               | 82:0         | 107:7  |
| Coleman, Seth           | 1      | 1       |       | 2     |       | 15     | 42:5             | 12               | 28:0         | 70:5   |
| Cooke, Moses            | 2      | 2       | 2     | 3     |       | 5      | 11:15            | 40               | 72:0         | 83:15  |
| Cooke, Moses (2)        | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Cowls, David            | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       | 2      | 9:6              | 20               | 34:10        | 43:16  |
| Cowls, Eleazer          | 1      | 1       | 2     | 3     |       |        | 10:10            | 15½              | 29:4         | 39:14  |
| Cowls, Jonathan         | 2      | 2       | 4     | 5     | 1     | 5      | 27:17            | 37               | 71:4         | 99:1   |
| Cowls, Oliver           | 1      | 1       | 2     | 5     |       | 6      | 14:8             | 13               | 29:10        | 43:18  |
| Cowls, Reuben           | 1      | 1       |       | 3     | 1     | 2      | 7:4              | 20               | 36:0         | 43:4   |
| Dana, Amariah           | 1      | 1       |       | 2     |       |        | 5:0              | 7                | 27:0         | 32:0   |
| Dickinson, Aaron        | 1      |         | 2     |       |       |        | 4:0              | 15               | 24:15        | 28:1   |
| Dickinson, Azariah      |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  | 34               | 54:8         | 54:8   |
| Dickinson, Azariah (2)  | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Dickinson, Daniel       | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       | 10     | 10:10            | 24               | 48:8         | 58:18  |
| Dickinson, David        | 1      | 1       |       | 1     |       | 7      | 4:11             |                  |              | 4:11   |
| Dickinson, Ebenezer     | 2      | 1       |       | 4     |       | 3      | 8:9              | 10               | 29:0         | 37:9   |
| Dickinson, Ebenezer (2) | 1      | 1       | 1     | 3     |       | 9      | 9:17             | 30               | 49:0         | 58:17  |
| Dickinson, Elihu        | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Dickinson, Enos         | 1      | 1       | 2     | 1     |       | 5      | 8:5              | 15               | 24:0         | 32:5   |
| Dickinson, Gideon       | 2      | 2       | 2     | 3     |       | 6      | 13:8             | 25               | 43:0         | 56:8   |



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| NAMES.                   | Polls. | Horses. | Oxen. | Cows. | Hogs. | Sheep. | Personal Estate. | Houses and Land. | Real Estate. | Total. |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------------------|------------------|--------------|--------|
| Dickinson, Gideon (2)    | 1      |         | 2     |       |       | 8      | 5:4              |                  |              | 5:4    |
| Dickinson, Israel        | 1      | 1       |       | 2     |       | 7      | 6:1              | 14               | 26:4         | 32:5   |
| Dickinson, John          | 1      | 1       | 2     | 4     |       | 8      | 13:4             | 40               | 70:0         | 83:4   |
| Dickinson, Jonathan      |        | 2       | 1     | 2     |       |        | 9:0              | 15               | 29:0         | 36:0   |
| Dickinson, Jonathan (2)  | 1      | 1       | 1     | 4     |       | 10     | 11:10            | 19               | 33:0         | 44:10  |
| Dickinson, Joseph        | 1      | 1       | 2     | 4     |       | 11     | 13:13            | 35               | 57:0         | 70:13  |
| Dickinson, Moses         | 2      | 2       | 2     | 5     | 1     | 20     | 18:18            | 38               | 76:10        | 95:8   |
| Dickinson, Moses (2)     | 1      |         | 2     |       |       |        | 4:0              | 25               | 30:18        | 40:18  |
| Dickinson, Nathan        | 2      | 3       | 2     | 5     | 1     | 18     | 20:12            | 60               | 97:0         | 117:12 |
| Dickinson, Nathan (2)    | 1      | 2       | 3     | 4     |       | 12     | 17:16            | 40               | 76:2         | 93:18  |
| Dickinson, Nathaniel     | 1      | 1       | 2     | 6     |       | 9      | 27:3             | 20               | 39:0         | 66:3   |
| Dickinson, Nathaniel (2) | 1      | 1       |       |       |       |        | 2:0              | 20               | 30:0         | 32:0   |
| Dickinson, Nathaniel (3) | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     | 2     | 5      | 10:11            | 18               | 32:6         | 42:17  |
| Dickinson, Nehemiah      |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  | 48               | 76:16        | 76:16  |
| Dickinson, Noah          | 1      | 3       | 2     | 3     |       | 2      | 14:16            | 20               | 40:10        | 55:6   |
| Dickinson, Reuben        | 2      | 1       | 2     | 3     |       | 6      | 11:8             | 30               | 50:0         | 61:8   |
| Dickinson, Simcon        | 3      | 1       | 2     | 3     | 2     | 19     | 14:3             | 29               | 51:10        | 65:13  |
| Dickinson, Waitstill     | 1      | 1       | 2     |       |       |        | 6:0              | 14               | 27:10        | 33:10  |
| Eastman, Ebenezer        | 1      | 1       |       | 2     |       | 7      | 6:1              | 6                | 17:0         | 23:1   |
| Eastman, John            | 1      | 1       | 2     |       |       |        | 6:0              | 15               | 24:0         | 30:0   |
| Eastman, Joseph          | 1      | 2       | 6     | 6     |       | 21     | 46:3             | 45               | 84:0         | 130:3  |
| Eastman, Joseph (2)      | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     | 2     | 3      | 10:5             | 25               | 41:0         | 51:5   |
| Eddy, Barnabas           | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       |        | 9:0              | 28               | 39:0         | 48:0   |
| Edwards, Jonathan        | 3      | 1       | 2     | 3     |       | 13     | 12:9             | 38               | 65:0         | 77:9   |
| Elmer, Edward            | 2      | 2       | 2     | 3     |       | 10     | 14:0             | 30               | 51:10        | 65:10  |
| Emmons, Robert           | 1      | 1       |       | 2     |       |        | 17:0             | 24               | 38:0         | 55:0   |
| Field, John              | 4      | 1       | 4     | 2     |       |        | 48:0             | 50               | 78:0         | 126:0  |
| Field, John (2)          | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       |        | 9:0              | 18               | 37:16        | 46:16  |
| Fobes, Simeon            | 1      | 2       |       | 2     |       | 11     | 8:13             | 15               | 38:0         | 46:13  |
| Franklin, Henry          | 1      | 1       | 2     | 4     | 1     | 7      | 13:9             | 28               | 46:0         | 59:9   |
| Goodale, Isaac           | 4      | 2       | 2     | 4     |       | 14     | 51:2             | 35               | 64:10        | 115:12 |
| Gould, Noah              | 1      |         |       |       |       |        | 5:0              | 12               | 18:0         | 18:0   |
| Gould, Samuel            | 3      | 1       |       | 2     | 1     | 8      | 11:12            |                  |              | 11:12  |
| Green, Timothy           | 1      | 1       |       | 2     |       | 6      | 5:18             | 12               | 34:2         | 40:0   |
| Green, Timothy (2)       | 1      | 1       |       | 2     |       | 6      | 5:18             | 12               | 18:0         | 23:18  |
| Hastings, Elijah         | 1      |         |       |       |       |        | 25:0             |                  |              | 25:0   |
| Hastings, Samuel         | 1      | 1       | 2     | 1     |       |        | 7:10             | 17               | 21:5         | 28:15  |
| Hastings, Thomas         | 2      | 2       | 4     | 4     |       | 10     | 19:10            | 30               | 45:0         | 64:10  |
| Hastings, Thomas (2)     | 1      | 1       | 2     | 1     |       |        | 7:10             | 16               | 29:8         | 36:18  |
| Hawley, David            | 1      |         |       | 1     |       | 2      | 1:16             | 2                | 3:10         | 5:6    |
| Hawley, Moses            | 1      |         |       | 1     |       | 1      | 1:13             | 2                | 3:0          | 4:13   |
| Hawley, Zechariah        | 1      |         |       | 3     |       | 2      | 4:16             | 8                | 13:4         | 18:0   |
| Henderson, Gideon        | 3      | 2       | 2     | 3     |       | 9      | 18:17            | 30               | 54:0         | 72:17  |
| Henderson, Gideon (2)    |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Hendrick, James          | 1      | 2       | 2     | 3     |       | 7      | 13:11            | 35               | 70:0         | 83:11  |
| Henry, Samuel            | 1      | 1       | 2     | 1     |       | 6      | 8:8              | 8                | 12:0         | 20:8   |
| Hodden, John             | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       | 5      | 9:15             | 16               | 21:10        | 31:6   |
| Howard, Hezekiah         | 1      |         |       | 1     |       | 5      | 2:5              |                  |              | 2:5    |
| Hubbard, Isaac           | 2      |         | 2     | 3     |       |        | 8:10             | 26               | 42:18        | 51:8   |
| Hunt, Peter              | 1      |         |       |       |       |        | 5:0              |                  |              | 5:0    |
| Ingram, Elisha           | 1      | 1       | 2     | 4     |       |        | 32:0             | 22               | 50:4         | 82:4   |
| Ingram, John             | 1      | 1       |       | 1     |       | 3      | 3:19             | 18               | 23:10        | 27:9   |
| Ingram, Mary             | 2      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       | 13     | 10:19            | 30               | 53:0         | 63:9   |



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| NAMES.                | Polls. | Horses. | Oxen. | Cows. | Hogs. | Sheep. | Personal Estate. | Houses and Land. | Real Estate. | Total. |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------------------|------------------|--------------|--------|
| Ingram, Philip        | 1      |         |       | 2     |       | 12     | 4:16             | 14               | 27:0         | 31:16  |
| Ingram, Reuben        | 1      |         | 4     | 3     |       | 12     | 16:6             | 30               | 60:10        | 76:16  |
| Kellogg, Daniel       | 1      | 2       | 2     | 4     |       | 8      | 13:4             | 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 70:14        | 83:18  |
| Kellogg, Daniel (2)   | 1      | 1       |       |       |       |        | 2:0              | 8                | 14:0         | 16:0   |
| Kellogg, Ebenezer     | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Kellogg, Ebenezer (2) | 1      |         |       | 1     |       |        | 1:10             |                  |              | 1:10   |
| Kellogg, Ephraim      | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       | 3      | 9:9              | 8                | 16:0         | 25:9   |
| Kellogg, Ephraim (2)  | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       |        | 9:0              | 19               | 27:15        | 36:15  |
| Kellogg, Martin       | 1      | 1       | 2     | 4     |       | 7      | 13:1             | 22               | 34:10        | 47:11  |
| Kimball, Andrew       |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Lane, —               | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Leach, Benanuel       | 1      | 1       |       |       |       |        | 2:0              | 16               | 17:0         | 19:0   |
| Leach, Levi           | 1      | 1       | 2     | 3     |       | 13     | 12:9             | 30               | 62:10        | 74:19  |
| Leach, Timothy        | 1      |         |       |       |       |        | 5:0              |                  |              | 5:0    |
| Lee, Abner            | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       | 10     | 10:10            | 15               | 21:15        | 32:5   |
| Lee, Gideon           | 1      | 1       |       | 1     | 1     | 4      | 4:10             | 12               | 12:5         | 16:15  |
| Lee, Henry            | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Lee, John             | 1      |         | 2     |       |       |        | 4:0              |                  |              | 4:0    |
| Lewis, Noadiah        | 1      |         |       |       |       |        | 8:0              |                  |              | 8:0    |
| Marshall, Clement     |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Mathews, Silas        | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       | 2      | 9:6              | 15               | 26:10        | 35:16  |
| Mattoon, Ebenezer     | 1      | 2       | 2     | 4     |       | 7      | 20:9             | 60               | 70:0         | 90:9   |
| Mav, William          | 1      | 1       | 2     | 1     |       |        | 7:10             | 20               | 29:0         | 36:10  |
| McDaniel, —           |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| McDaniel, Jacob       | 1      | 1       |       |       |       |        | 22:0             |                  |              | 22:0   |
| Merrick, James        | 1      | 1       | 2     | 4     | 1     | 14     | 14:10            | 22               | 38:0         | 52:10  |
| Moody, Asahel         | 1      | 1       | 2     | 3     |       | 7      | 16:11            | 12               | 24:16        | 41:7   |
| Moody, Eldad          | 1      | 1       |       |       |       |        | 2:0              | 6                | 13:3         | 15:3   |
| Moody, Joel           | 1      | 1       | 2     | 1     |       | 10     | 9:0              | 24               | 38:8         | 47:8   |
| Moody, Jonathan       | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     | 1     |        | 24:8             | 9                | 19:15        | 44:3   |
| Moody, Jonathan (2)   | 1      |         |       | 1     |       |        | 11:10            | 5                | 10:10        | 22:0   |
| Moody, Lemuel         | 1      | 1       |       | 2     |       | 3      | 5:9              | 8                | 15:4         | 21:13  |
| Moody, Medad          | 1      |         | 2     |       | 1     |        | 7:8              | 9                | 18:17        | 26:5   |
| Moody, Nathan         | 1      | 1       |       | 2     |       | 6      | 5:18             | 18               | 30:10        | 36:8   |
| Moody, Peris          | 1      |         |       | 1     |       | 2      | 1:16             | 4                | 8:0          | 9:16   |
| Morton, Elijah        |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Morton, John          | 1      | 1       |       | 3     |       | 4      | 7:2              | 13               | 19:5         | 26:7   |
| Morton, Joseph        | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       | 1      | 9:3              | 24               | 37:12        | 46:15  |
| Morton, Thomas        | 1      | 1       |       | 1     |       |        | 3:10             | 6                | 9:18         | 13:0   |
| Nash, Abner           |        |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Nash, Amos            | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Nash, John            | 2      | 1       | 4     | 3     |       | 18     | 17:10            | 41               | 75:13        | 93:3   |
| Nash, Jonathan        | 2      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       | 2      | 9:16             | 13               | 19:5         | 29:1   |
| Nash, Joseph          | 1      | 1       | 2     | 1     |       |        | 7:10             | 15               | 17:0         | 24:10  |
| Parker, Eli           | 1      | 1       | 4     | 3     | 2     | 14     | 22:16            | 25               | 24:8         | 47:4   |
| Peck, Joseph          | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Peck, Nathaniel       | 1      | 2       | 2     | 2     |       | 5      | 11:15            | 14               | 27:0         | 38:15  |
| Peck, Simeon          | 1      | 1       | 2     | 2     |       | 10     | 18:10            | 6                | 9:10         | 28:0   |
| Perkins, Nathan       | 2      |         |       | 1     |       |        | 17:10            |                  | 2:0          | 19:10  |
| Pettis, Ebenezer      | 1      |         |       |       |       |        |                  |                  |              |        |
| Pettis, John          | 2      | 1       | 4     | 3     |       | 15     | 16:15            | 35               | 68:5         | 85:0   |
| Pomeroy, Simeon       | 2      | 1       |       | 2     |       | 6      | 5:18             | 34               | 49:10        | 54:8   |
| Rice, Adam            | 1      |         |       | 1     |       |        | 1:10             |                  |              | 1:10   |









## Appendix .D.

## POPULATION. FAMILIES. VOTERS' LIST, 1802.

## CENSUS STATISTICS—1765-1895.

The Massachusetts state census report for the year 1895 gives the following statistics concerning the population of Amherst:

Families, 1064; males, 2427; females, 2358; population, 4785. The division by villages is as follows:

|                  | Families. | Males. | Females. | Population. |
|------------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------------|
| Center, Amherst, | 770       | 1873   | 1782     | 3655        |
| North Amherst,   | 186       | 327    | 361      | 688         |
| South Amherst,   | 108       | 227    | 215      | 442         |

The following table gives the number of inhabitants in Amherst and adjoining towns as shown by provincial, state and United States censuses from 1765 to 1795:

| Year. | Amherst. | Belchertown. | Granby. | Hadley. | Leverett. | Pelham. | Shutesbury. | Sunderland. |
|-------|----------|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| 1765  | 645      | 418          |         | 573     |           | 371     | 330         | 409         |
| 1776  | 915      | 972          | 491     | 681     | 293       | 729     | 598         | 409         |
| 1790  | 1233     | 1485         | 596     | 882     | 524       | 1040    | 674         | 462         |
| 1800  | 1358     | 1878         | 786     | 1073    | 711       | 1144    | 930         | 537         |
| 1810  | 1469     | 2270         | 850     | 1247    | 769       | 1185    | 930         | 551         |
| 1820  | 1917     | 2426         | 1066    | 1461    | 857       | 1278    | 1029        | 597         |
| 1830  | 2631     | 2491         | 1064    | 1686    | 939       | 904     | 986         | 666         |
| 1840  | 2550     | 2554         | 971     | 1814    | 875       | 956     | 987         | 719         |
| 1850  | 3057     | 2680         | 1104    | 1986    | 948       | 983     | 912         | 792         |
| 1855  | 2937     | 2698         | 1001    | 1928    | 982       | 789     | 939         | 839         |
| 1860  | 3206     | 2700         | 907     | 2105    | 964       | 748     | 798         | 839         |
| 1865  | 3415     | 2636         | 908     | 2246    | 914       | 737     | 788         | 861         |
| 1870  | 4035     | 2428         | 863     | 2301    | 877       | 673     | 614         | 832         |
| 1875  | 3937     | 2315         | 812     | 2125    | 831       | 633     | 558         | 860         |
| 1880  | 4298     | 2346         | 753     | 1938    | 742       | 614     | 529         | 755         |
| 1885  | 4199     | 2307         | 720     | 1747    | 779       | 549     | 485         | 700         |
| 1890  | 4512     | 2120         | 765     | 1669    | 702       | 486     | 453         | 663         |
| 1895  | 4785     | 2161         | 748     | 1704    | 744       | 486     | 444         | 696         |



# PROMINENT FAMILIES.

A list of fifty families that have been most prominent in Amherst town affairs since the first settlement would include the following names: Adams, Allen, Baker, Belding, Billings, Blodgett, Boltwood, Bridgman, Chauncey, Church, Clapp, Clark, Coleman, Conkey, Cook, Cooley, Cows, Cushman, Cutler, Dana, Dickinson, Eastman, Edwards, Field, Gaylord, Goodale, Green, Hastings, Hawley, Ingram, Kellogg, Lee, Marsh, Mattoon, Merrick, Montague, Moody, Morton, Nash, Nutting, Parker, Parsons, Peck, Pomeroy, Roberts, Smith, Strong, Thayer, Warner, Williams. Of these, the families of Boltwood, Chauncey, Church, Cows, Dickinson, Hawley, Ingram, Nash and Smith had representatives among the "east inhabitants" in 1731. In the following paragraphs reference is made to the person of a given name who appears to have been the first to settle in Amherst, and to others who have given distinction to the family name.

Thomas Adams was taxed in Hadley Third Precinct in 1740. Abner Adams was married May 9, 1754, by Rev. David Parsons. John Adams owned a corn-mill in 1770. John S. and Charles Adams were well-known printers and publishers.

Samuel Allen was among the minor district officers in 1768; Amasa was one of the "minute men" in 1775 and Phineas was, in 1783, one of the incorporators of the Second parish.

Noah Baker, son of Capt. John, of Northampton, was taxed in Hadley Third Precinct in 1742. Elijah, brother to Noah, was a precinct officer in 1760. Osmyn was a noted lawyer; Alfred served the town as selectman and representative, Martin as selectman.

Samuel Belding had a part in the division of lands in Hadley Third Precinct. Hezekiah, son of Samuel, was a soldier in the French war in 1747, became a member of the First church in 1755 and held various town offices. Jonathan served in the war of the Revolution; John was an innkeeper in 1787.

John Bilings was a member of the First church in 1759, fought in the war of the Revolution, was one of the founders of the Second parish in 1783. Joel took part in the war of the Revolution and in the Shays rebellion, and was in 1802 a tavern-keeper. Aaron was one of the founders of the Second parish, a captain of militia in 1801.

David Blodgett came to the settlement between 1745 and 1763, took part in the French war and the war of the Revolution; held many town offices.

Samuel Boltwood was one of the original proprietors of Amherst lands, lived in the settlement in 1731, in 1735 was chosen one of the committee to call precinct meetings. Solomon came to the precinct before 1738, took part in the French war, was an innkeeper in 1773. William came to the precinct before 1763, took part in the French war. Ebenezer was an innkeeper in 1782, as was Elijah in 1806 and for many years thereafter. Lucius was a noted lawyer, prominent in town affairs.

Jonathan Bridgman resided in Amherst in 1793; in 1824, was one of the organizers of the South parish.

Richard Chauncey resided in the settlement in 1731, was one of the original members of the First church at its organization in 1739. Charles came to the settlement previous to 1738, took part in the French war in 1758. Josiah took part in the French wars in 1748 and 1760, was a justice of the peace in 1758, an innkeeper and trader in 1759.

Nathaniel Church was a resident in the settlement in 1731, one of the original members of the First church. Benjamin was taxed in the Third Precinct in 1735.



Joseph was a resident of the precinct in 1754, was very prominent in town affairs.

Preserved Clapp was a resident in the Third Precinct in 1746. Oliver was one of the "minute-men" in 1775, an innkeeper in 1778, one of the incorporators of the Second parish. Oliver M. was a well-known manufacturer.

Simeon Clark was a resident of the Third Precinct in 1749, was a deacon of the First church, held many town offices. Judah fought in the war of the Revolution. Elijah was among the incorporators of Amherst Academy in 1816. William S. was president of the Agricultural College.

Nathaniel Coleman was a resident in the Third Precinct previous to 1745, an innkeeper in 1761. Seth, son of Nathaniel, was one of the best-known of Amherst physicians.

Ithamar Conkey came from Pelham to Amherst about 1817; he was judge of probate; his son, Ithamar F., served as district-attorney many years.

Moses Cook was one of the original proprietors of Amherst lands, a resident of the precinct in 1750, an innkeeper in 1779. Westwood, Jr., came to the precinct before 1745.

Daniel Cooley was an innkeeper in 1780, a representative to the General Court in 1787.

John and Jonathan Cows resided in the settlement in 1731; they were among the original members of the First church. Oliver served in the French war in 1755 and 1758. David and Simeon served in the war of the Revolution and were among the incorporators of the Second parish. Rufus was a famous physician.

Ephraim Cushman was a resident of Amherst in 1789. He and his brother John R. were prominent among the earlier manufacturers of the town.

Robert Cutler removed from Pelham to Amherst in 1787; he and his son Isaac G. were prominent physicians.

Amariah Dana resided in Amherst in 1773. He served in the war of the Revolution, was among the incorporators of the Second parish.

Ebenezer Dickinson resided in the settlement in 1731, was one of the original members of the First church, serving as deacon, served in the French war, was moderator of the first district meeting. Nathaniel was one of the original proprietors of Amherst lands, served in the French war and the war of the Revolution. Nathaniel, Jr. was the town's first delegate to the Provincial Congress. Moses was one of the town's committee of correspondence during the war of the Revolution. John took part in the battle of Bunker Hill; his son, John, was judge of probate. Joseph, Noah and Simeon served in the war of the Revolution and were among the incorporators of the Second parish. Reuben Dickinson led a company to Cambridge at the time of the Lexington alarm. Nathan and Jonathan served in the French war and the war of the Revolution. Elijah served in the war of the Revolution and gave the land for the site of the first buildings of Amherst College. Samuel F. was one of the working founders of Amherst College. Edward and William Austin were lawyers and served each as treasurer of Amherst College. Oliver built and owned the North church meeting-house. Azariah was among the incorporators of the Second parish. Chester was a noted innkeeper. Daniel, Medad and Waitstill served the town as representatives to the General Court. Zebina was for a long time deputy-sheriff. Nathaniel C. was deacon of the South church. Porter served as selectman. Enos was a leading man in the South parish.

Joseph Eastman was a resident of the precinct before 1745; he was prominent in town affairs. Ebenezer served in the war of the Revolution and was one of the



founders of the Second parish. John was among the liberal contributors to the "charity fund" that served as the foundation of Amherst College. Solomon K. served as selectman.

Jonathan Edwards resided in the precinct in 1735; he served the First church as deacon.

Zechariah Field came to the precinct before 1738. John resided in the precinct in 1741, was an innkeeper in 1768.

Samuel Gaylord resided in the precinct in 1754; William was a resident of the town in 1831, Eleazer in 1835.

Isaac Goodale was a resident of the precinct in 1754, served in the French war and war of the Revolution.

Timothy Green was a resident of the precinct in 1768, served in the war of the Revolution and was one of the incorporators of the Second parish.

Thomas Hastings resided in the precinct in 1753, served in the war of the Revolution. Elijah was an innkeeper in 1768. Moses served in the war of the Revolution, was a prominent member of the First church, served as selectman.

Samuel Hawley resided in the settlement in 1731, was moderator of the first precinct meeting in 1735. Joseph served in the French war. Zechariah served in the war of the Revolution and was a deacon of the Second church.

John Ingram resided in the settlement in 1731, was one of the original members of the First church, served in the French war and war of the Revolution. Elisha was a trader in 1760, an innkeeper in 1789. Samuel served in the French war and in the war of the Revolution. Peter was a well-known manufacturer. Ezra served the town as selectman and representative.

Ebenezer Kellogg was a resident in the settlement in 1731, an innkeeper in 1734, one of the original members of the First church, serving as deacon, a trader in 1764, served in the French war and war of the Revolution. Ephraim was an innkeeper in 1744, a trader in 1764. Nathaniel owned a corn-mill in 1744, was one of the original members of the First church. Martin was an innkeeper in 1771. John was a deacon of the First church and served as selectman. Eleazer served as selectman and representative. Chester was a well-known merchant. Daniel held many town offices. James was a leading manufacturer.

Abner Lee resided in the district in 1769; John and Gideon served in the war of the Revolution, the latter being one of the incorporators of the Second parish.

Abner Marsh was a resident of the town in 1788. Jonathan owned a mill in 1794.

Ebenezer Mattoon was a resident of the precinct in 1739. His son, Ebenezer, was distinguished for his many public services. Noah D. was a distinguished lawyer.

James Merrick was a resident of the district in 1760, one of the incorporators of the Second parish. Aaron served as representative to the General Court.

Zebina Montague resided in the town in 1786, was a leading merchant, represented the town in the General Court. George served the first church as deacon.

Jonathan Moody resided in the precinct in 1743, served in the French war, held many town offices. Asahel served in the French war. Lemuel served in the war of the Revolution, was one of the incorporators of the Second parish. Joel, Eldad and Medad served in the war of the Revolution. David was a deacon of the South church.

John Morton resided in the precinct before 1738. He was prominent in town affairs, one of the incorporators of the Second parish. Thomas served in the





French war and the war of the Revolution. Joseph was one of the incorporators of the Second parish.

John Nash was one of the original proprietors of Amherst lands, resided in the settlement in 1731, was the first precinct clerk, was among the early tavern-keepers. Samuel was a well-known editor of the *Express*.

George Nutting resided in Amherst in 1820, was prominent among the organizers of the South parish, served the town as selectman and representative.

Eli Parker resided in the district in 1769, commanded a company in the war of the Revolution.

David Parsons came to the precinct in 1737, was the first minister of the First church. His son, David, succeeded him in the pastorate. Gideon was an innkeeper in 1777.

Nathaniel Peck resided in the district in 1761, served in the war of the Revolution, was an innkeeper in 1785. Simeon served in the war of the Revolution, was an innkeeper in 1782.

Simeon Pomeroy resided in the precinct in 1747, served in the war of the Revolution.

Reuben Roberts came to Amherst about 1807, served the town as representative to the General Court. He and his brother Ephraim were the pioneer paper-makers in Amherst.

Aaron Smith resided in the settlement in 1731, was one of the original members of the First church, served in the French war and war of the Revolution. Nathaniel resided in the settlement in 1731, was the first to practice medicine in the precinct. Stephen was one of the "east inhabitants," in 1731, served in the war of the Revolution, was an innkeeper in 1785. Moses was an innkeeper in 1758, as was Peter in 1759. Chilibab was one of the original proprietors of Amherst lands, fought in the war of the Revolution, was an innkeeper in 1788. Peletiah served in the French war, was one of the original members of the First church. Simeon served in the French war and war of the Revolution. Alexander served in the French war, was an innkeeper in 1768, served as selectman. David served in the French war, was a member of the First church in 1740. Jonathan was among the original members of the First church, served in the French war. Elisha was an innkeeper in 1780. Noah and Martin served in the war of the Revolution: the latter was one of the founders of the South parish. Eleazer was a deacon of the First church. Timothy introduced the culture of the silk-worm in Amherst. Horace was a deacon of the First church, a colonel of militia.

Nehemiah Strong resided in the precinct in 1741. His son, Simeon, was judge of the supreme court. Hezekiah Wright was a well-known business man, served as postmaster.

Josiah Thayer resided in Amherst in 1788. Asahel was a well-known manufacturer.

Aaron Warner resided in the precinct in 1741, was the first to set up a blacksmith shop in its limits. Moses was an innkeeper in 1757, served in the French war. Jacob served in the war of the Revolution, was one of the incorporators of the Second parish. Josiah was an officer in the war of the Revolution.

Justus Williams came to the district before 1763, served in the war of the Revolution, was one of the incorporators of the Second parish. Joseph was one of the incorporators of the Second parish.



## VOTERS' LIST, 1802.

The following list of voters in Amherst in 1802 is copied from the original manuscript:

|                    |                         |                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Abbe, Mason        | Cowls, Simeon           | Fisk, Stephen       |
| Ayers, Amos        | Coy, Willis             | Franklin, Nathan    |
|                    | Cushman, Ephraim        | French, Samuel      |
| Baker, Elijah      | Cutler, Robert          |                     |
| Baker, Enos        |                         | Gamwell, Samuel     |
| Baker, Isaac       | Draper, Ichabod         | Gilbert, Thaddeus   |
| Baker, Martin      | Dickinson, Asa          | Goodale, Andrew     |
| Ballou, Amariah    | Dickinson, Azariah      | Goodale, David      |
| Bangs, Enoch       | Dickinson, Ebenezer     | Goodale, Elijah     |
| Belding, Elihu     | Dickinson, Ebenezer (2) | Goodale, Isaac      |
| Belding, Hezekiah  | Dickinson, Elihu        | Goodale, Thomas     |
| Billings, Aaron    | Dickinson, Elijah       | Gray, David D.      |
| Billings, John     | Dickinson, Elisha       | Green, Clark        |
| Bissell, Asahel    | Dickinson, Enos         | Green, Timothy      |
| Bixbee, Rufus      | Dickinson, Ezekiel      | Green, Timothy (2)  |
| Blair, Joseph      | Dickinson, Gad          | Green, Zera         |
| Blodgett, Asahel   | Dickinson, John         |                     |
| Blodgett, David    | Dickinson, Jonathan     | Hastings, Elijah    |
| Boltwood, Ebenezer | Dickinson, Joseph       | Hastings, Moses     |
| Boltwood, Elijah   | Dickinson, Joseph (2)   | Hastings, Samuel    |
| Boltwood, Elisha   | Dickinson, Martin       | Hastings, Thomas    |
| Boltwood, Solomon  | Dickinson, Medad        | Hawley, Zechariah   |
| Boltwood, William  | Dickinson, Moses        | Heath, Daniel       |
| Bond, Solomon      | Dickinson, Nathan       | Henderson, Timothy  |
| Bowman, William    | Dickinson, Nathaniel    | Hendrick, James     |
|                    | Dickinson, Noah         | Holmes, Samuel      |
|                    | Dickinson, Perez        |                     |
| Carpenter, Richard | Dickinson, Roswell      | Ingram, David       |
| Church, Elijah     | Dickinson, Samuel F.    | Ingram, Ebenezer    |
| Church, Giles      | Dickinson, Seth         | Ingram, John        |
| Church, Joseph     | Dickinson, Silas        | Ingram, Nathan      |
| Church, Joseph (2) | Dickinson, Simeon       | Ingram, Samuel      |
| Clapp, Oliver      | Dickinson, Simeon (2)   |                     |
| Clapp, Oliver (2)  | Dickinson, Solomon      | Kellogg, Daniel     |
| Clark, Judah       | Dickinson, Stephen      | Kellogg, Elijah     |
| Clark, Justus      | Dickinson, William      | Kellogg, Ephraim    |
| Clark, Simeon      | Dickinson, William (2)  | Kellogg, John       |
| Coleman, Seth      | Dickinson, Zimri        | Kellogg, Jonathan   |
| Coleman, Seth (2)  |                         | Kellogg, Joseph     |
| Cooley, Daniel     |                         | Kellogg, Martin     |
| Cowls, David       | Eastman, Ebenezer       | Kellogg, Martin (2) |
| Cowls, David (2)   | Eastman, John           | Kimball, Benjamin   |
| Cowls, Enos        | Eastman, Joseph         |                     |
| Cowls, Ephraim     | Eaton, Morton           |                     |
| Cowls, Levi        | Edwards, Nathaniel      | Lee, John           |
| Cowls, Oliver      | Edwards, Philip         | Lewis, Elisha       |
| Cowls, Reuben      | Elmore, Simeon          |                     |



|                       |                        |                      |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Marsh, Jonathan       | Peck, Joseph K.        | Smith, Reuben        |
| Marshall, Isaac       | Peck, Nathaniel        | Smith, Samuel        |
| Mattoon, Ebenezer     | Perkins, Nathan        | Smith, Seth          |
| Mattoon, Ebenezer (2) | Pomeroy, David         | Smith, Stephen       |
| Mattoon, Ebenezer (3) | Pomeroy, Simeon        | Smith, Thomas        |
| McMaster, Joshua      | Pomeroy, Simeon (2)    | Smith, Timothy       |
| Merrick, Aaron        |                        | Snow, Ralph          |
| Merrick, James        | Rice, William          | Stanley, Edward A.   |
| Merrill, Abraham      | Robbins, Isaac         | Stetson, Gideon      |
| Merrill, Calvin       | Robbins, Joseph        | Strong, Simeon       |
| Montague, Luke        |                        |                      |
| Montague, Zebina      | Scott, Israel          | Thayer, Josiah       |
| Moody Aaron           | Smith, Asa             | Thomas, Eliab        |
| Moody, Asahel         | Smith, Benjamin        | Tuttle, Nathan       |
| Moody, Daniel         | Smith, Chester         |                      |
| Moody, Eldad          | Smith, Chiliab (2)     | Warner, David        |
| Moody, Joel           | Smith, David           | Warner, Elisha       |
| Moody, Jonathan       | Smith, David (2)       | Warner, Jonathan     |
| Moody, Lemuel         | Smith, Eleazer         | Warner, Josiah       |
| Moody, Lemuel (2)     | Smith, Elijah          | Warner, Samuel       |
| Moody, Medad          | Smith, Elisha          | Watson, David        |
| Moody, Rufus          | Smith, Ethan           | Watson, Joseph       |
| Moody, Silas          | Smith, Friend          | White, Jarib         |
| Moody, William        | Smith, Hoyt            | Williams, Chester    |
| Morton, John          | Smith, Ithamar         | Williams, Elijah     |
|                       | Smith, John            | Williams, John       |
| Nash, Reuben          | Smith, Jonathan        | Williams, Justus     |
|                       | Smith, Jonathan (2)    | Williams, Justus (2) |
| Parker, Eli           | Smith, Moses           | Williamson, George   |
| Parker, Eli (2)       | Smith, Nathaniel Alex. | Winslow, Ezra        |
| Parsons, David        | Smith, Noah            |                      |
| Parsons, Gideon       | Smith, Noah (2)        | Yale, Elijah         |

## Appendix E.

### SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION.

In chapters XI and XII of this History lists are given of men who served on Amherst's quota during the war of the Revolution. These lists are copied from the original muster-rolls now on file among the state archives at Boston. These rolls are, in many instances, incomplete as regards giving the particular place of residence of members of companies and regiments. In making up the lists of Amherst soldiers all names were included which are by the rolls accredited to



Amherst, and others borne by Amherst men known to have been engaged in the service, whose names appear on the rolls unaccompanied by place of residence. As in the war for the preservation of the Union so in the war of the Revolution, men served on Amherst's quota who were not natives or residents of the town. While it seems proper to give in this volume the names of all credited to Amherst, it also seems desirable that a distinction be made between those of known residence in Amherst at the time of service and others concerning whom nothing is to be found in the public records of the time. With this end in view two lists are here presented, the first containing the names of Amherst residents who served in the war, the second those of persons credited to Amherst but whose residence here the publishers have not been able to establish. The first list is made up of names familiar to all who have read the pages of this History; the second contains many previously unknown to the town's records.

|                    |                       |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Abbott, Daniel     | Dickinson, Azariah    | Goodale, Isaac        |
| Adams, Thomas      | Dickinson, Ebenezer   | Gould, Noah           |
| Allen, Amasa       | Dickinson, Elihu      | Gould, Samuel         |
| Alvord, Aaron      | Dickinson, Elijah     | Green, Timothy        |
| Ayers, Amos        | Dickinson, Elisha     |                       |
|                    | Dickinson, Gideon     | Hastings, Elijah      |
| Baker, Elijah      | Dickinson, Joel       | Hastings, John        |
| Bascom, Thomas     | Dickinson, John       | Hastings, Moses       |
| Belding, Hezekiah  | Dickinson, Jonathan   | Hastings, Samuel      |
| Belding, John      | Dickinson, Joseph     | Hastings, Thomas      |
| Billings, Joel     | Dickinson, Levi       | Hawley, David         |
| Billings, John     | Dickinson, Medad      | Hawley, Noah          |
| Billings, John Jr. | Dickinson, Nathan     | Hawley, Zechariah     |
| Billings, Silas    | Dickinson, Nathaniel  | Henderson, Gideon     |
| Blodgett, David    | Dickinson, Noah       | Henderson, Timothy    |
| Boltwood, Ebenezer | Dickinson, Reuben     | Hendrick, James       |
| Boltwood, John     | Dickinson, Reuben Jr. | Hodden, John          |
| Boltwood, Solomon  | Dickinson, Samuel     | Hubbard, Elihu        |
| Buckman, Benjamin  | Dickinson, Seth       | Hubbard, Isaac        |
| Buckman, Samuel    | Dickinson, Shelah     |                       |
|                    | Dickinson, Simeon     | Ingram, John          |
| Church, Daniel     | Dickinson, Solomon    | Ingram, Philip        |
| Church, Giles      | Dickinson, Timothy    | Ingram, Reuben        |
| Church, Joseph     | Dickinson, Waitstill  | Ingram, Samuel        |
| Church, Samuel     | Dickinson, Zimri      |                       |
| Clapp, Oliver      |                       | Johnson, Silas        |
| Clark, Levi        | Eastman, Ebenezer     |                       |
| Coffin, Luke       | Eastman, John         | Kellogg, Ebenezer     |
| Cole, Stephen      | Edwards, Jonathan     | Kellogg, Ebenezer (2) |
| Coleman, Enos      | Edwards, Nathaniel    | Kellogg, Jonathan     |
| Cook, Moses        | Elmore, Elijah        | Kellogg, Martin       |
| Cowls, David       |                       |                       |
| Cowls, Reuben      | Field, Ebenezer       | Lee, Gideon           |
| Cowls, Simeon      | Field, Samuel         | Lee, Henry            |
|                    | Forbes, Simeon        | Lee, John             |
| Dana, Amariah      | Fox, John             | Lewis, Noadiah        |
| Dickinson, Aaron   | Franklin, Henry       |                       |





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|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Marshall, Clement | (Peck, Simeon       | Smith, Martin     |
| Marshall, Isaac   | Peck, Simeon (2)    | Smith, Noah       |
| Marshall, Thomas  | Perkins, Nathan     | Smith, Reuben     |
| Mattoon, Ebenezer | Perkins, Nathan (2) | Smith, Simeon     |
| May, William      | Pettis, Joseph      | Smith, Stephen    |
| Moody, Eldad      | Pomeroy, Simeon     | Smith, Timothy    |
| Moody, Elisha     | Prutt, Caesar       |                   |
| Moody, Joel       |                     | Waite, Richard    |
| Moody, Lemuel     | Rice, Adam          | Warner, Elisha    |
| Moody, Medad      | Rice, William       | Warner, Jacob     |
| Moore, Gideon     | Robbins, Joseph     | Warner, Jonathan  |
| Morton, Thomas    | Rolf, Benjamin      | Warner, Josiah    |
|                   | Rolf, Enos          | Warner, Reuben    |
| Nash, Abner       | Rood, Ezra          | Williams, Ambrose |
| Nash, Amos        | Root, Lemuel        | Williams, Justus  |
| Nash, Joseph      |                     | Woods, Firmin     |
| Nash, Levi        | Smith, Chiliab      | Wright, Silas     |
|                   | Smith, Elias        |                   |
| Parker, Eli       | Smith, Levi         | Yale, Nathaniel   |
| Peck, Nathaniel   |                     |                   |

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Adams, David      | Coleman, Lewis     | Harper, Samuel     |
| Alden, Elijah     | Conant, Lemuel     | Hastings, Oliver   |
| Aldrich, Joseph   | Cook, Enos         | Heart, Isaac       |
| Allen, Jonathan   | Cook, Samuel       | Hills, Stephen     |
| Amons, Robert     | Coy, Willis        |                    |
|                   | Crary, Roger       | Ingraham, Elijah   |
| Barnes, James     |                    | Ingraham, Jonathan |
| Bartlett, Aaron   | Darby, Daniel      | Ingram, Timothy    |
| Belding, Jonathan | Darby, William     |                    |
| Benjamin, Daniel  | Dike, Adam         | Kellogg, Enos      |
| Bigelow, Noah     | Dunton, Thomas     | Kellogg, Moses     |
| Billings, Ethan   | Dyer, Henry        | Kibbee, John       |
| Bishop, Reuben    |                    | Kief, Michael      |
| Blackman, David   | Ewing, William     | Kimball, Joseph    |
| Briggs, Oliver    |                    |                    |
| Briggs, Preserved | Field, Zechariah   | Lane, Asaph        |
| Brown, Robert     |                    | Lane, Daniel       |
| Brown, Samuel     | Gaylord, Eliphalet | Lampson, Jeremiah  |
| Burns, John       | Gilbert, Thaddeus  | Leach, Benjamin    |
|                   | Goodale, Joseph    | Lee, Silas         |
| Chandler, Henry   | Gould, Daniel      | Leonard, Archelas  |
| Clark, Lemuel     | Gould, David       | Leonard, David     |
| Cody, Jeremiah    | Gould, Edmund      | Lord, David        |
| Cole, Adonijah    | Gould, Edward      |                    |
| Cole, Hezekiah    | Gould, Isaac       | McClench, Joseph   |
| Cole, Israel      | Gould, Josiah B.   | McGrath, Daniel    |
| Cole, John        | Gould, Samuel (2)  | Moody, Matthew     |



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|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Moore, Hezekiah   | Rolf, Daniel       | Thayer, Enoch    |
| Moore, William    |                    |                  |
| Morton, Simeon    | Sanglere, John     | Warner, Eleazer  |
|                   | Shay, James        | Warner, Elihu    |
| Nash, Enos        | Smith, Aaron       | Warner, Sewal    |
| Nichols, John     | Smith, Amasa       | Weston, ———      |
|                   | Smith, Caleb       | Williams, Thomas |
| Pettis, David     | Smith, Nathan      | Woodbury, John   |
| Pettis, Ebenezer  | Smith, Timothy (2) | Workman, John    |
| Pomeroy, Ebenezer | Squier, Daniel     | Wright, Carmi    |
| Prince, Daniel    | Squier, Thomas     |                  |
| Putnam, Jepthah   | St. Clair, John    | Young, Joseph    |

## Appendix F.

### OLD MANUSCRIPTS.

From the large number of ancient documents that have been submitted to the publishers two are here printed as of special interest and value. The first contains a vote passed at town-meeting in 1809, showing the temper of the inhabitants of Amherst in the days immediately preceding the war of 1812, the second gives a graphic account of the burning of a small-pox hospital, one of the first established in this section.

#### TOWN VOTE IN 1809.

At a legal Town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Amherst, holden on the 30 day of January 1809, for the purpose of considering the alarming state of the country, the following resolves were passed: viz.

*Whereas* it is the right as well as the duty of citizens peaceably to assemble, and express their opinion of public men and public measures; as well as petition the government for redress of grievances, while they suffer:

And *whereas* the exercise of this right and this duty become all important. At this awful crisis of our public concerns, when grievous and embarrassing restraints are laid upon our commerce: when we are forbidden the use of the ocean, that great highway of nations, which we have inherited from our Fathers, and which the God of Nature hath given us, in common with others of mankind.

When the natural and lawful traffic among ourselves is, under the sanction of law, shackled in almost every possible manner: when in consequence thereof, distress and embarrassment are felt by every class in the community, and many



thousands of our valuable citizens thrown out of employment, and themselves, their wives, and children, thereby reduced to want and beggary: When we are threatened as a nation, with hostility from abroad, and with a military despotism from within; In fine, when one universal ruin threatens to swallow up the rights liberties and independence of our country, the dearest birthright inherited from our ancestors, and the choicest blessings which the God of Nature hath been pleased to bestow upon us.

We the people of this town, feeling a *deep and solemn* sense of the calamities and disastrous situation, into which these United States are plunged; and the duty lying upon us and all good citizens, to rally round the Constitution of our country, and bear public testimony to our rights; and our abhorrence of all such *whether in or out of power*, who dare to invade them, do hereby *resolve*:

1. That we are firmly and inviolably attached to the constitution of the United States, and to that charter of our liberties, under God, and a faithful adherence to its principles, under the administrations of WASHINGTON and ADAMS, do we ascribe our unexampled prosperity, as a nation, during the first twelve years of its existence.

2. That in all countries, a distinction ought to be made between the government and the *administration* of the government. The constitution of government may be pure, and the administration corrupt. And in our own country, while we admire our national constitution, and the republican principles contained therein, as explained and illustrated by the administration of a WASHINGTON: we are constrained to believe, and with sorrow to express this belief, that the measures pursued by our present administration, for these eight years, have an anti-republican tendency, and are contrary to the spirit and genius of our excellent constitution. Eight years ago, we were respected abroad, we were happy at home, at peace with ourselves, and with all the world; we were engaged in a lucrative commerce, our treasury and our store houses were full, and we were strangers to the cries of want. But through the unskilfulness of our present administration, as a nation, we are despised abroad, among foreign nations; we are in distress at home: we are in a state of warfare among ourselves, and with all the world. Our commerce is destroyed, our treasury and our pockets are empty; and our poverty continually increasing upon us.

3. That the reason assigned by the government for passing the catalogue of Embargo Laws, are in our estimation totally insufficient for a measure, so doubtful in principle, and so ruinous in its consequences to the people of these United States.

4. That whatever reasons might have existed, at the commencement of the Embargo system, they must now be done away, as the prohibitions thereby laid on our commerce are known to be pleasing to France and harmless towards Great Britain, and to generate evils for the people of these United States, incalculably greater than for any nation on earth, and that therefore, a continuance of the Embargo, by the administration, is a wanton sacrifice of the interests of the people, and an abandonment of the principles of the Constitution.

5. That the rights and privileges guaranteed to us by our national and state constitutions and bill of rights, are essential to the security of freedom, and that any laws annulling or infringing those important immunities, is contrary to the Constitution: and not obligatory upon the citizen. And that therefore, the late act of Congress making further provision for enforcing the embargo, strikes at the



root of civil liberty, and is a gross and violent outrage of the most essential provision of the Constitution, and the rights of the people.

6. That we view with alarm, the increase of the standing army of the United States and the numerous detachments from the militia, as we can see no reason therefor, unless it be, to enforce obedience to a wicked and obnoxious law, *at the point of the bayonet.*

7. That we view with *deepest concern*, the obstinate determination of the administration, to persist in a measure once adopted against the *prayers and remonstrances* of a large portion of their constituents, and we believe against the true interests of our country. Most of all do we deplore that *cool and deliberate tyranny*, which at present pervades our public councils, and which, unless arrested, by the genius of New England, will inevitably lead to a more *confirmed despotism*, or to a division of these United States.

8. And that we will use all constitutional measures to procure redress of the evils and calamities which we in common with our fellow citizens of the United States suffer; and inasmuch as our former petitions to the President of the United States have been unattended to, we will confide in the wisdom and patriotism of the Legislature of our own state, to devise such methods, as they may deem consistent with the Constitution, to restore the sinking interests and honor of our common country.

SAMUEL GAMWELL, *Moderator.*

Attest SAM. F. DICKINSON, *Town Clerk.*

#### THE PROCEEDINGS OF BURNING THE HOSPITAL.

Hadley November the 7 1776 on thursday the 7 day of November Sun about one hour high at night there came to us as we were In the hospital of Doct Colmans erecting three men who were said by those who knew them that they were — Paterson and — Cofrin of Pelham and — —toon of Amherst and orderd us to leave the hospital and go of or we must take the fate of staying we told them that we should Not leave the house for we came In by order and we meant to Stay they told us that the house should not stand one hour and half and went away and In the fore part of the evening of the above mentiond day there came the above mentined Paterson and asked If we did not Intend to go of and leave the house we told him we did not there Immediately apeard a larg body of men I Judge Not less than forty and cried out fire It Some Says not yet but within two or three minutes there was a general voice fire Immediately upon that Reuben Dickinson Junr Benjamin Buckman and Samuel Buckman run Into the house and took fire from the herth and put It Into a slawbunk and knoct the slawbunk to peices and put on the fire In the slaw bunk and gatherd other fuel and put to the fire and knoct the windows to peices and soon got the house all In a flame besides the above mentioned Names I saw In the Body Noah Dickinson Noadiah Luis James hendrick all of Amherst a true account of the Proceedings of this Burning fiveteen of us out of our house who were under Enoculation according to my observation.

NATHANIEL WHITE.





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## ADDENDA.

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While the attempt has been made to include in this volume all matters of interest pertaining to the town's history there have doubtless been omissions. The publishers regret that the following matter did not find a place in the general text.

To the history of the Universalist church on page 252, should be added that Rev. J. C. Dickerson was installed as pastor of the church Oct. 7, 1896.

On page 275, mention should have been made of the long-established and very successful school for children conducted by the Misses Howland at their home on North Prospect street.

Among the members of the Amherst College faculty during the administration of President Stearns and his successors mention should have been made of Prof. H. H. Neill, whose work has added greatly to the efficiency of the department of rhetoric, oratory and English literature.

In February, 1877, the Amherst Coöperative association received a charter from the state, and in March of that year opened what has since been known as the Grange store. The business, which was a success from the beginning, was bought out in 1889 by W. G. Towne and Mason A. Dickinson.

To the chapter on railroads should be added a few words concerning the Amherst & Sunderland street railway company. In the fall of 1895 the project of building an electric street railway between Amherst and Sunderland, was agitated; subscription papers were circulated and nearly \$30,000 was subscribed in Amherst and Sunderland to stock of the road. A charter was obtained in the spring of 1896. The company was organized under its charter but owing to a defect in the original subscription paper it was found impossible to collect the amounts subscribed. A new organization has since been formed under the charter.

In 1836, Knowles & Thayer, the carriage-makers, built at their factory in East Amherst a handsome landeau, using in its woodwork discarded timbers from the famous frigate "Constitution." This landeau was presented to President Andrew Jackson, and he rode in it to Nashville with James K. Polk when the latter was a candidate for the presidency.

The Mary Mattoon chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was instituted in 1894.



## ERRATA.

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Several minor errors have been discovered since these pages were printed. Attention is called to the following:

Page 19, line 10—For “Elihu” read Elisha.

Page 100, line 36—For “1776” read 1796.

Page 118, 3d line in chapter heading—For “Contentions” read Conventions.

Page 143—For further matter concerning the War of 1812 see chapter on Militia.

Page 171, line 31—For “1859” read 1857.

Page 184, line 10—For “Jemina” read Jemima.

Page 185, line 33—For “Daniel” read David.

Page 250—For Rev. P. “V.” Moyce read P. J.

Page 377, line 37—For “pompous” read pompons.

Page 490—For “Sylester” H Adams read Sylvester.

Page 520—For Charles “C.” Baker read Charles K.

Page 521—For “Edward” P. Hervey read Eugene.

Page 521—For Henry “L.” Lovett read Henry C.

Page 521—For Charles “C.” Munsell read Charles E.

Page 586—For Timothy “Greenfield” read Green.



## PART II.



RECORDS OF

Hadley Third and Second Precinct,

1735-1759.

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A Warrant for the first Meeting in Hadley third Presint Anno Dom 1735.

Hampshire ss. In pursuance to the Request of several freholders of the third or East Precinct of Hadley for the Calling of a precinct Meeting—To Ebenezer Kellogg of s<sup>d</sup> precinct these are In his Majesties name to will and Require you forth with to notefy the free Holders and other Inhabetance of s<sup>d</sup> Precinct quallefyd for Voating in Town Meeting, that they Convean & meet to gethere at the House of Mr. Zach<sup>r</sup> Feild In s<sup>d</sup> Precinct on the Eaight day of October next at Eaight of ye Clock in the fore noone in order to Make Choyce of all nessessary Precinct offecers: a Committie for the Calling of Precinct Meatings for the future and to do act or agree on what may be thought proper Respecting hiring a Menester Building a Meeting house and agreeing on a place to Set it in and in finding out what Lands may be Taxed for the Defraying Charges About the same Given under my hand and Seale this 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of September 1735

ELEZER PORTER Justis Peace

Hadley Sep<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1735 In Persuance of the above written warrant thease are to notefy all parsons of ye third preinct of Hadley afore s<sup>d</sup> qualified as above s<sup>d</sup> to Conveane and meate to gether at the Time and place and on ye Ocation above said Given under my hand the Date above said september 23: 1735

EBENEZER KELLOGG

At a Meeting Persuant to above written warrant October the Eaight 1735

Voted Samuel Hauley sen Moderator Voated John Nash Clark Voated John Ingram sen Sam<sup>l</sup> Boulwood Sam<sup>l</sup> Hauley Comm<sup>s</sup> for Calling Precinct Meatings Voted Ebenezer Dickenson Aaron Smeth Jno Nash Assessors Voted Ebenezer Kellogg Collector Voted to Hiere a Menestor half a yeare

Voted that Jno Ingram Jr Jno Coles Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith Com<sup>te</sup> to hire a Minester Voted to Build a Meating House voted s<sup>d</sup> house forty five foot in Length: and thirty five in Bredth

Voted s<sup>d</sup> meating house to be Covered with quarter boards of Spruse Voted also to Cover ye Rooffe Spruce Shingles with out sap and twenty one Inches in Lenth. Voated to Set s<sup>d</sup> house upon the Hill East of Jno Nashs House in ye most Convenient place

Voted that Sam<sup>l</sup> Boulwood Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson John Cole Peletiah Smith Jno Ingram Jr a Commete to order ye Building ye Meating House





At a Meating Novemb<sup>r</sup> the 25: 1735—Voted John Ingram sen<sup>r</sup> Moderator—Voted that the former Vote Respecting seting of the Meating House upon the Hill East of John Nash House to be Revoaked also Voted that the Meating House be set in the most Convenient place neare the Hartling Stake so Called—Voted that John Ingram Sen<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Boultwood John Nash Ebenezer Dickinson Aaron Smith to be a Commety to Order ye Building ye meating House

Att a Meating December 25: 1735—Voted Ebenezer Dickinson Moderator: Voted to make Void a former Vote of seting ye Meating House att ye Hartling Stacke also Voted to Set it upon ye East End of Noah Smiths Lot—

At a Meating in March the 10: 1735—Voted John Nash Clark: Voted John Ingram sen Sam<sup>l</sup> Boultwood Sam<sup>l</sup> Hauley Commete to Call meatings Voted Ebenezer Dickinson John Nash Aaron Smith Assessors Voted Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith Collector Voted to Rais fifteen pounds of money to be paid towards ye menisters Rate Voted y<sup>t</sup> the Remainder of s<sup>d</sup> Rate be paid out of ye Nonresedent Money and ye Remainder of s<sup>d</sup> Money to be Improved for ye Building of ye Meating House Voted that ye High way work be done by heads and Teams and y<sup>t</sup> a Team shall be Equal to a hand per day

SAM'LL HAULEY Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting Septem<sup>b</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1736 Voted 1 to Hire a Minister six months—Voted 2 Sam<sup>l</sup> Hauley Ebenezer Kellogg to hire a Minister

SAM'LL HAULEY, Modera<sup>r</sup>

Att a Legal Meeting Jane<sup>r</sup> ye 30 1736 Voated to give Ebenezer Kellogg five pounds to [go] to Salem to Collect Non Resident money also to pay said money out of the same.

SAM'LL BOULTWOOD Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting March ye 17<sup>th</sup> 1737 Voated 1 John Nash Clark Voated 2 John Ingram Sam<sup>l</sup> Boultwood Sam<sup>l</sup> Hauley Commity to Call Meeting Voated 3 John Ingram Jr John Coles Solomon Boultwood Assessors Voated 4 John Nash Precinct Tresurer Voated 5 Jonathan Authorton Collector Voated 6 to Cover ye Meeting House.

EBENEZER DICKCONSON Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting March ye 22 1737 Voated 1 to fram Raise & Cover ye Meeting House this year Ensuing Voated 2 Sam<sup>l</sup> Hauley Ebenezer Kellogg Ebenezer Dickconson Jonathan Atharton Aaron Smith a Commity, to se to ye Building ye Meeting House Voated 3 to do Highway work by heads

AARON SMITH (modera<sup>r</sup>

Att a Legal Meeting April ye 13 1737 Voated 1 to give Mr David Parsons Jr a Call to settle in ye Ministry Voated for his settelment to give him tow Lots of Land that was Granted heartofore by the town of Hadley for the Settlemet of the Gospel in this Preceinet Voated 2 to give him Eighty pounds ye first year & five pounds to be yearly added until it amounts to one Hundred Voated 3 also towards Building a Dwelling House to set him up a frame forty foots in Length in Breth twenty one foots & two Storys high and Cover s<sup>d</sup> House and Build ye Chimney & Celler

JOHN INGRAM JR (Modera<sup>r</sup>

Att a Legal Meeting on July ye 4: 1737 Voated 1 y<sup>t</sup> in order to Enable us to mak sum further offer to Mr Parsons for to Settle among us we will try to get more Lands for his Settlement



Voated 2 that John Nash & Ebenezer Dickconson should seek after s<sup>d</sup> Lands  
& Voated 3 that thay shall be paid for there pains

SAM<sup>L</sup>L HAULEY (Moderator)

Att a Legal Meeting Septem<sup>r</sup> ye 20: 1737 Voated 1 to Give Mr David Parsons  
Jn<sup>r</sup> one Hundred and twenty Pounds sallery & for Settlement as was Voated heare  
to fore Voated 2 John Nash Aaron Smith Assessors for this yeare

EBENE<sup>R</sup> DICKCONSON (Moderator)

Att a Legal Meeting Novem<sup>br</sup> ye 22 1737 Voated 1 to hire a Minister for five  
Months Voated 2 to Give a Minister forty shillings a sabbath

Voated 3 John Nash Richard Chauncey a Committy to seek after a Minister

JOHN NASH (Moderator)

Att a preceinct Meeting held March ye 16 1738 Voted 1 John Nash Clark for  
s<sup>d</sup> Preceinct Voated 2 Ebenezer Dickinson John Cowls John Nash a Committe to  
Issu out worrants for Meetings

Voated 3 John Nash Preceinct Tresurer Voated 4 Ebenezer Dickconson John  
Cowls Stephen Smith Assessors Voated 5 pelitia<sup>h</sup> Smith Collector

Voated 6 sam<sup>l</sup> Hauley Ebenezer Kellogg Ebenezer Dickconson Aaron Smith  
Jonathan Arthonton Committy to Build ye Meeting House

Voated 7 to do high way work by pools [i. e. polls] Voated 8 to give Josiah  
Chauncey teen shillings for going to Mr Barbar Voated to John Nash for servis  
done for ye preceinct & money paid out two pound five shillings Voated to  
Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickson for services one pound teen shillings

Voated to Aaron Smith fiftene shillings Voated to John Cowls for Keeping  
Mr Parsons hors five shillings

Voated to Jonathan Cowls for Keeping Mr Parsons upon the Sabbath Eaight  
Shillings

Voated to Moses Smith five shillings paid for ye precinct

Voated to pay theas Bills out of ye non resident money

EBENE<sup>R</sup> DICKINSON (Moderator)

Att a Preceinct Meeting held November ye 14 1738 Voated 1 to Mak Void a  
former Voate of seting the Meeting house upon Noah Smiths Lot Voated 2 to set  
ye Meeting House upon ye Hill East of John Nashs house

JOHN NASH (Moderator)

Att a Preceinct Meeting held Decem<sup>b</sup> ye 15: 1738 - Voated 1 to Raise Nine-  
teene pounds for Thomas Temple for framcing ye Meeting house

Voated 2 to Ebenezer Kellogg for Rum & Suger three pounds seventeen  
shillings Voated 3 to Raise one Hundred pounds for Mr David parsons for  
preaching the yeare past

Voated 4 y<sup>t</sup> Each head & teame be Improved to get fire wood for Mr Parsons

EBEN<sup>R</sup> DICKINSON (Moderator)

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting held on ye 25 of Jenew<sup>r</sup> 1738-9 Voated 1 that  
we will sell ye Lot granted to this preceinct in ye yeare 1738 Voated 2 Ebenezer  
Dickinson Jonathan Smith John Nash Doe<sup>r</sup> Natha<sup>l</sup> Smith & Solomon Boulwood  
a Committy to sell and Dispose of ye afore s<sup>d</sup> Lot in ye Behalf of ye afore s<sup>d</sup> Lot in  
behalf of ye afore s<sup>d</sup> preceinct and to Dispose ye affects of s<sup>d</sup> Lands as ye preceinct  
heare after se Best

And the Committy before Named are hearby Impourd to Convey a title to ye  
afore s<sup>d</sup> Lot

JOHN COWLS (Moderator)



Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting held in Hadley third preceinct March ye 14<sup>th</sup> 1738-9

Voated 1 John Nash Clark for ye yeare Ensuing Voated 2 John Nash preceinct Tresurer

Voated 3 Jonathan Smith Solom<sup>o</sup> Boulwood Jona<sup>n</sup> Cows for a Committy to Issu out worrants for ye preceinct Meetings Voated 4 John Nash Ebenezer Dickinson Aaron Smith for Assessors for ye yeare Ensuing: and to make ye Non resident tax that is still be hind Voated 5 Solomon Boulwood: Collector Voated y<sup>t</sup> John Nash Ebenezer Dickinson to get ye Ministers Lots Laide out Voated Solomon Boulwood John Nash Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson David Smith John Cows for a Committy to order ye Building ye Meeting House

PELETIAH SMITH (Moderator)

Att a Legal Meeting held in Hadley third preceint ye 29 of June 1739 Voated y<sup>t</sup> the present Committy for the Carrying on ye Building ye Meeting House Shall Dispose of ye first hundred and fifty pounds y<sup>t</sup> is and shall be paid by De<sup>n</sup> Eleazor Matton as they think best

EBENE<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON (Moderator)

A Warrant for a preceinct Meeting Hadley Third preceinct June ye 7<sup>th</sup> 1739

This is to Notifi all the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified According to Law to Voat in preceinct Meetings that they Convean together at ye Dwelling House of ye Wid<sup>e</sup> Hannah Boulwoods in this preceinct on ye twenty sixth of this present June at one of the Clock of said day: then & thare to se what ye preceinct will do to settle Mr David Parsons Jun<sup>r</sup> in ye Gospel Ministry in this preceinct & what may be thought Best towards Building a house for ye Minister: also how De<sup>n</sup> Mattoons first Hundred & fifty pounds shall be dispos<sup>d</sup> with all

Given under oure hands

SOLOMON BOULTWOOD } Committee  
JONATHAN SMITH }

The meeting was opened & Ajoyrnd to ye fifth of July

again<sup>e</sup> Adjoyrnd to ye 12<sup>th</sup> of July

A Warrant for the preceinct Meeting Hadley third preceinct September ye 22<sup>nd</sup> 1739

This is to Notifi all ye Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this preceinct Quallified according to Law to Voat in towne or preceinct Meetings that they Meet together at ye Dwelling House of Doc<sup>r</sup> Natha<sup>l</sup> Smiths in s<sup>d</sup> preceinct upon ye twenty eait<sup>h</sup> day of this Instant Septem<sup>r</sup> at two of the Clock in ye after noone then & there to do what may be thought necessary for to Encorage Mr David Parsons in ye Work of ye Ministry in this place: and also to do what may be thought necessary in order to ordaine Mr Parsons.

Given under oure hands

JONA<sup>n</sup> SMITH } Committy  
JONA<sup>n</sup> COWLS }

Att a Legal Meeting in Hadley third preceinct appointed by them as ye Law Directs in shuch Cases on ye fifteenth day of June 1739: & after two Adjournments first to the fifth day of July: & then to the twelvth of July instant: they came to the following Voats:

Voated 1 to give Mr David Parsons Jun<sup>r</sup> an Invitation to settle with us as oure Gospell Minister



For his Settlement:

Voated 1 to give him two Lots of Lands granted by the Town of Hadley for a Minister in this preceinct one lying in the Second Division the other in ye third  
Voated 2 for to give him one Hundred and Seventy five pounds of money towards Building his House.

Attested

EBENE'R DICKINSON } Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting held by ye Inhabitants of Hadley third Preceinct Septem<sup>br</sup> ye 28: 1739 as an Addition to oure former voats: for Mr David Parsons to Settle among us: to Enable him to Support in ye Work of the Ministry among us they came into ye following Voats

For his Salary

Voated 1 To pay him one hundred pounds ye first yeare and to make yearly Additions as ye poles and Rateable Estates shall Encreass till ye salary Amounts to one hundred and sixty pounds (that is to say) those poles & Estates that are found in this preceinct when ye last List was taken which was in January 1738-9 shall pay ye hundred pounds—& ye Addition sixty pounds salary shall be livyed & raised upon ye Encrease of the polls and Estates in ye preceinct this Sixty pounds to be Gradually Augmented as ye poles & Estates shall gradually Encrease: this Salary we propose to pay in Province Bills of ye old Tenour or one third so much of ye New: which is to be ye onely fixed standard until the yeare 1741

Voated 2<sup>ly</sup> that after ye yeare 1741 ye Salary shall be paide in Money if any be passing or Some Comodity which shall be Equivalent to money upon the footing money now stands (that is to say) if the Country makes Good the Credit of Province Bills agreeable to promiss at the Rate of six shilling & Eaight pence new tennor for one ounce of silver or twenty shillings old tennor the ounce: then the aboves<sup>d</sup> sums mentioned to be setteled by that standard; but if the Country fails of theire promiss of the Vallue of Money above s<sup>d</sup> then the salary to be setteled at ye Rate of twenty six shilling ye old tenor the ounce or a third part so much ye New; the tru Intente of this Voate is to set forth the Value of money as it now stands: & how it shall stand in all future payments Voated 3<sup>ly</sup> to Provide him all his firwood  
Voated 4<sup>thly</sup> to pay him his Salary Annually in ye Month of March

Attest

ELEZER MATTUN } Moderator

Hadley 3<sup>d</sup> Preceinct Septem<sup>br</sup> ye 28<sup>th</sup> 1739 Compiled with the Request of the Inhabitants of ye third preceinct in Hadley.

P<sup>r</sup> me DAVID PARSONS JN<sup>r</sup>

At a Legal Meating held in Hadley third preceinct March ye 18<sup>th</sup> 1740 Voated 1 John Nash preceinct Clark for ye yeare Ensuing Voated 2 John Nash Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Aaron Smith Assessors for ye preceinct & non resident taxes

Voated 3<sup>ly</sup> John Cowls preceinct treasurer Voated 4 Joseph Clary Collector

Voated 5 Richard Chauncey & Do<sup>ct</sup> Natha<sup>l</sup> Smith & David Smith a Commity to Issu out Warrants for preceinct meetings

Voated 6 y<sup>t</sup> ye former Commity to Build ye Meeting House to go on w<sup>t</sup> ye work

Voated 7 to do high way work by Poles

After Ajoynment to ye 19<sup>th</sup> of this Instant

Voated 1 to pass ye Bills of Charge of Building ye Meeting House with other preceinct Charges

Voated 2<sup>ly</sup> granted Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinsons and John Cowls Bill for Making Rates  
Voated 3 to John Nash Eleven pounds for providing for ye ordination of Mr Parsons

Attest

EBENE'R DICKINSON } Moderator





An account of ye Standard of Raising ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons rate

Wharas in the agreement between the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsons and this Preceinct att ye time of his Settlemnt it was propos<sup>d</sup> that an adetion of sixty pounds shoold be made to his salery of one Hundred pounds which adetional sixty pounds was to be Levied & Raised yearly att proportion to ye Encreas of pools and Ratables as they ware then found in this Preceinct which was in ye yeare 1738 which was to be ye rule or Standard of Encreas.

Therfor ye following is an account of ye Number Quantity and Valuation of ye Pools & Ratabl Estats as they ware found & taken in ye yeare 1738

Which is to be ye onely Rule for ye Regulateng ye Avance of this Hundred pounds Salery till it aMounts to one Hundred and Sixty pounds

Number of Pools 35 Each Valued at 1<sup>£</sup> 5s 6d

Ratable Estats Vallud att 1101<sup>£</sup> 10s 6d and one Shilling was Laid upon ye pound

Attest

EBEN<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON } Assessors  
JOHN COWLS }

At a Legal Meeting held in Hadley third Preceinct March ye 16<sup>th</sup> 1741 Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark Voated 2 Jonath<sup>n</sup> Smith Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson John Cowls Assessors for this Preceinct Voated 3 John Cowls Preceinct Tresurar Voated 4 Ephraim Kellogg Collector: Voated 5 Nath<sup>n</sup> Smith Richard Chauncey David Smith a Comitty to give out Worrants for Preceinct Meetings Voated 6 Solomon Boulwood John Nash & Ebenezer Dickinson a Comitty to proceed in finishing ye Meeting House so farr as thay think best Voated 7 that ye s<sup>d</sup> Comitty Build a Pue for ye Ministers Wife and s<sup>d</sup> Pue whare ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsons shall chuse: Voated (8) y<sup>t</sup> ye Standard for ye Raising the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons Rate for this Present yeare shall be att ye Rate of twenty six shillings the ounce of silver ye old Tenner or one third so much ye New Voated 9 John Nash twenty shillings for Recording voats for time past Voated (10) to pay ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons Rate upon or before ye teenth of March Annually

Attest

JOHN COWLS Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting Held in Hadley third Preceinct June ye 16<sup>th</sup> 1741:

Voated 1 to sell to Aaron Warner fifteen Rods in Breeth of ye High way Lying in ye second Division of Lands in this Preceinct Bounded upon Moses Warner south by Libarty from ye Town of Hadley

Voated 2 to Give thirty seven pound teen shillings of s<sup>d</sup> Money Due for above s<sup>d</sup> Lands to Jonathan Arthonton

Voated 3 to Dispose of ye Remainder of s<sup>d</sup> Money toward finishing ye Meeting House

Voated 4 y<sup>t</sup> John Nash & Ebenezer Dickinson take security for ye abve s<sup>d</sup> Money

Attest

EBEN<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held in Hadley third Preceinct March ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1742: by ajurnment to ye House of Nath<sup>n</sup> Smith in s<sup>d</sup> preceinct

Voated 1 John Nash preceinct Clark

Voated 2 De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voated 3 John Nash: Ebenezer Dickinson Richard Chauncey Assessors

Voated 4 Joseph Hauley Collector

Voated 5 Aaron Smith Nath<sup>n</sup> Smith Richard Chauncey to Ishue out Worrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated 6 y<sup>t</sup> ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Parsons Wood for this yeare shall be proportion<sup>d</sup> upon pools & Estates: and that one Load of wood shall be Valued at Eight shillings



Voated 7 to do high way work by pools and Estates for this yeare

After Ajournment to ye 25<sup>th</sup> of this Instant to the Meeting house

Voated 1 An acquittance to John Nash as to ye Disposal of De<sup>n</sup> Eleazor Mattons Bond of 300 pounds

Voated 2 to Make a tax or Rate to Answer all the preceinct Debts now Due :

Voated (3) y<sup>t</sup> ye Assessors take a List and Make this Above granted tax—

Attested EBENE<sup>r</sup> KELLOGG Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley 3<sup>d</sup> preceinct November ye 16<sup>th</sup> 1742—

Voated 1 to provid for ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons sixty Loads of fire wood for this yeare

Voated 2 y<sup>t</sup> ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons Rate to be Made by ye same List y<sup>t</sup> is to be taken to keep his wood

Voated 3 John Nash Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson to observe ye Loads of Wood

Attested SOLOMON BOULTWOOD Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held in Hadley third Preceinct March ye 21 : 1743: open<sup>d</sup> & Ajornd to ye 25<sup>th</sup> of this Instant to ye Meeting Hous att teen of ye Clock of s<sup>d</sup> day

After Ajournement said Meeting held upon ye 25<sup>th</sup> of s<sup>d</sup> March and Voated as follows—

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark for ye yeare Ensuing

Voated 2 De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voated 3 De Elezer Mattoon: Ebene<sup>r</sup> Kellogg: John Cowl's Assessors

Voated 4 Aaron Smith Nath<sup>n</sup> Smith Richard Chancey a Comitty to Issue out warrants for preceinct Meetings

Voated 5 that ye Assessors shall go and Viue ye Ratable Lands in this Preceinct to Enable them to make Just Valuation

Voated 6 y<sup>t</sup> High way work shall be Brought into a Rate

Voated 7 to Provid 70 Loads of wood for ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons also to rais s<sup>d</sup> wood by a Rate.

Voated 8 to Build a pound and to set s<sup>d</sup> pound upon or near the midle High way in ye First Division in ye most Convenient place

Voated 9 that Solomon Boulwood & De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson order the Building s<sup>d</sup> pound

Voated 10 to provide fastening for ye Meeting Hous Dors and to secure ye windows: Voated 11 that Solomon Boulwood & Westwood Cook see y<sup>t</sup> s<sup>d</sup> work be done

Voated 12 to give Aaron Wornar thirty shillings to sweep the Meeting Hous and to give a Signe when to go to Meeting for one yeare

Voated 13 Jonath<sup>n</sup> Moodey Collector

Attest AARON SMITH Modera<sup>r</sup>

Hadley Third Preceinct Decem<sup>r</sup> ye 21 1743 In a Legal Meeting being open<sup>d</sup> & Ajornd to De John Nashes House Voated to add teen Loads of wood to the Seventy Voated in the Spring past for the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons Each Load to be set at Eaight Shillings

Voated 2 that all the Bills then Broughting [brought in] to be alowed

Attest EBENE<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON Moderator



At a Legal Meeting held upon the second Fryday in March 1743-4

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Voated 2 Peletiah Smith De Nath<sup>n</sup> Smith Richard Chauncey Comitty to  
Issu out warrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated 3 Lt Jonathan Smith De John Nash Peletiah Smith Assessors

Voated 4 De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Precinct Tresurar—

Voated 5 High way work to be brought into a Rate—

Voated 6 to Bring ye Geting of ye R<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons wood into a rate

Voated 7 to provide Mr Parsons Eaigthy Loads of wood for this year and  
that Each Load to be Vallued at 8 Shillings

Voated 8 to Lt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith De Elezo Mattoon John Nash to Vew ye Loads

Voated 9 to give De Nath<sup>n</sup> Smith teen shillings ould tenor to sweep ye  
Meeting House this yeare

Voated 10 to give Jonath<sup>n</sup> Nash twenty Eaight Shillings old tenor to sound  
ye Signal

Attest EBENE<sup>r</sup> KELLOGG Moderator

At a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held Nove<sup>r</sup> the 3<sup>d</sup> 1744

Voated 1 to Leave it whith ye present Assessors to state the Money for ye  
Raising ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons Sallary for this present yeare (Voated) 2<sup>d</sup> to Build  
two pues in ye Meeting House: one upon the womans side upon ye North West  
Corner and one upon ye North End upon ye Mens side: also to finish ye outside  
of s<sup>d</sup> House

Voated 3 De John Nash De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson to se s<sup>d</sup> work is done

Voated 4 Libarty to some particular parsons to Build pues upon thare one  
Charg in those places as the preceinct [?] may approve] s<sup>d</sup> parsons giving up s<sup>d</sup> pues  
to ye Disposal of ye preceinct upon thare demand s<sup>d</sup> preceinct paying ye cost of  
s<sup>d</sup> pues

Voated 5 to Build a pound: and that s<sup>d</sup> pound shall be thirty feet square  
(Voated) 6 De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson & Westwood Cook to Build sd pound

Voated 7 that Lt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson John Cows John Nash:  
a Comitty to agree or Let out to men places for pues

Attest JOHN NASH Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held Decemb<sup>r</sup> the 11<sup>th</sup> 1744

Voated 1 to Revoak all ye formar [voats] respecting ye Building two pues:  
or Letting particular parsons Build pues

Voated 2 to Build all ye pues Round ye Sids of ye meeting House

Voated 3 Lt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith Solom<sup>n</sup> Boulwood De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson John Nash  
En<sup>s</sup> Ebene<sup>r</sup> Kellogg John Cows a Committee to see said work affected

Voated 4 and past ye Bills of preceinct Debts then Brought

Att JOHN NASH Moderator

att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held March ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1745

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Voated 2 De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voated 3 En<sup>s</sup> Ebene<sup>r</sup> Kellogg: John Cows De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Assessors

Voated 4 Joseph Hauley Westwood Cook Aaron Warner a Comitty to Give  
out Worrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated 5 to Answar High way work by a Rate this yeare—

Voated 6 to Provide Eighty Loads of wood for ye R<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons



Voated 7 to Rais forty Pounds of Money old tennor to Provide sd wood  
 Voated 8 to Give thirty shillings to Give ye signal when to meet upon ye sabbaths and Lecturs for this yeare

Voated 9 that John Nash se y<sup>t</sup> ye Meeting House be swept this yeare

Voated 10<sup>th</sup> That John Nash En<sup>s</sup> Eben'r Kellogg John Cowsls make up acompts w<sup>t</sup> ye Tresurar Ebene'r Dickinson of the preceinct Rat[e]s that are not Cleard up: and Mak a Returne to ye Preceinct

Attes't EBENE'R DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held in ye third Preceinct of Hadley Held March ye 18 1746

Voated 1 Peletiah Smith Moderator

Voated 2 John Nash Preceinct Clark for this year

Voated 3 De Ebene'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar for this year

Voated 4 Westwood Cook Joseph Hauley Aaron Warner a Committy to Issue out Warrants for Preceinct Meetings.

Voated 5 Lt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith John Nash De Nath<sup>n</sup> Smith Assessors

Voated 6 to Give John Nash forty shillings to sound ye Kunk for this yeare

Voated 7 to Give ye Rv'd Mr Parsons but thirty three shillings upon the Ounce for his sallary this yeare—

Voated 8 to Petition ye General Cort for a tax upon the Nonresedent Propriators Lands Lying in this third Preceinct

Voated 9 Lt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith De Ebene'r Dickinson John Nash Lt Ebene'r Kellogg a Committy to advise and Promote ye so Petitioning

Attest PELETIAH SMITH Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct April ye 21 : 1746

Voated 1 to Revoak a [voat] taken att Meeting Held March ye 18<sup>th</sup> 1746 to Give ye Rv'd Mr Parsons but thirty shillings ye ounce for his Sallary

Voated 2<sup>th</sup> to Give ye Rv'd Mr Parsons thirty five shillings ye ounce

Attest NATH'LL SMITH Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held att ye Meeting House Novem'brye 3d 1746

Voated 1 to aLow ye Debts of ye Preceinct as they stand in ye Bills

Voated 2 that ye Present Assessors and Lt Ebene'r Kellogg and Peletiah Smith a Committy to agree w<sup>t</sup> ye Rv'd Mr Parsons how money shall beV alued In order to Raise his sallary this yeare

Voated 4 to Build a pound Voated 5<sup>th</sup> y<sup>t</sup> De Ebene'r Dickinson and Moses Worner build sd pound

Voated 6 to Raise ye Rv'd Mr Parsons wood this yeare as it was ye Last yeare

Voated 7 that Lt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith John Nash De Eben'r Dickinson: In ye Behalf of this Preceinct do Give Aaron Worner for this Preceinct security of High way Granted to this Preceinct to sell to sd Aaron Worner

Att't EBEN'R KELLOGG Moderator

At a Precenct Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct March ye 16<sup>th</sup> 1747 after chois of a Moderator Voated as follows

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Voated 2 D<sup>n</sup> Ebenez'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voated 3 Nehemiah Strong De Ebenez'r Dickinson Nath<sup>n</sup> Coleman assessors for this present yeare





Voated 4<sup>ly</sup> David Nash John Field Alexand'r Porter a Comitty to Ishue out Warrants for Preceinct Meetings

Attested by EBENE'R DICKINSON Moderator.

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held Decem<sup>br</sup> ye 2<sup>d</sup> 1747 After Choise of a Moderator they Voated as follows

Voated 1 grant Eaight shillings a day for a hand: and for a Team a Day

Voated 2 to grant seven shillings Pr Day for a hand and also seven shillings Pr Day for a team

Voated 3 the Assessors Eaight shilling Pr Day

Voated 4 Lt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith John Nash Richard Chancey: Solomon Boulwood Nehemiah Strong De<sup>n</sup> Eben Dickinson Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman: a Comitty to Agree with the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons how his sallary shall be this yeare

Voated 5 to Give De Ebene'z'r Dickinson 36<sup>£</sup> to provide the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons fire wood for this present yeare Beginning the sixteenth of this present Month

Attested by EBENE'R DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held in Hadley third Preceinct March ye 15<sup>th</sup>: 1748: After ye Choise of a Moderator they Came into the Following Voats—

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark for this yeare

Voated 2 De Ebene'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar for this yeare

Voated 3 Lt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith John Nash De Ebene'r Dickinson Assesors

Voated 4 Ephraim Kellogg Eben'r Mattoon Sam<sup>l</sup> Ingram a Comitty to Ishu out warrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated 5 to Give De Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith five shillings adition for sweeping the Meeting House for this yeare past

Voated 6 to alow pay for ye work Done att ye East End of Jona<sup>n</sup> Dickinsons Lot the yeare past

Attested by JONA'N COWLS Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct Novem'r ye 16<sup>th</sup> 1748: after ye Choise of a Moderator they Came Into the folowing Voats

Voated 1 to Give Nehemiah Strong 51<sup>£</sup> to Provid firewood for the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons for the yeare Ensuing

Voated 2 to Raise one Hundred pounds of Money to be Improv<sup>d</sup> toward Building Pues in ye Meeting House

Voated 3 Lt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith Solomon Boulwood Eben'r Kellogg De Eben'r Dickinson John Nash a Comitty to see ye s<sup>d</sup> work Done

SOLOMON BOULTWOOD Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held Janaw'r ye 27<sup>th</sup> 1748 After Choise of a Moderator they Came Into ye following Voats

Voated 1 to Build a pound: also to Build s<sup>d</sup> pound thirty one feet and one half square: and to Make three Lengths Each side

Voated 2 to set s<sup>d</sup> Pound In the street Joining upon John Nashs North Fence

Voated 3<sup>ly</sup> Solomon Boulwood Eben'r Dickinson John Nash to Build s<sup>d</sup> Pound

Voated 4 Lt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith De Eben'r Dickinson John Nash a Comitty to agree with ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons what his sallary shall be for this Present yeare

Voated 6 to Make this tax by the Last List

Attested by me JOHN NASH Moderator



Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held March ye 13<sup>th</sup> 1749

After the Choise of a Moderator they Came Into ye following Voats

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark for this yeare

Voated 2 De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar for this yeare

Voated 3 John Nash Moses Smith Joseph Eastman Assessors for this yeer

Voated 4 Jona<sup>n</sup> Nash Semeon Clark Daniell Kellogg a Committy to Issu out Worrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated 5 that the Present Assessors agree w<sup>t</sup> the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons; what his sallary shall be this yeare

Voated 6 that John Nash Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Nathaniel Smith a Committy to Hire three scool Dames for three or four Months In the Summer Seson to Larne Children to Read: s<sup>d</sup> Scools to be In the Most Convenient Places In the Preceinct

Voated 7 Neham<sup>r</sup> Strong: Lt Eben<sup>r</sup> Kellogg a Committy to Hire sutable Parsons to Blow ye Kunk & sweep ye Meeting Hous for this yeare

Attested By EBEN<sup>r</sup> KELLOGG Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meating Held In Hadley third Preceinct Agust ye 3<sup>d</sup> 1749 After ye Choise of De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Moderator they Came Into the following Voats

Voated 1 to seate ye Meeting House: and to seate ye Males together and Femals to Gether Except ye two pues next ye East End the Pulpit

Voated 2 that the seators are Guided by the following Ruels—that is to say: by Age: Estate and Qallifications: and for Estates to be Guided by the Last years List

Voated 3 to Make Choise of five meat Parsons to seat ye Meeting House

Attested by EBENE<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON Moderator

At a legal Preceinct Meeting Held Agust ye 25<sup>th</sup> 1749—After they Mad Choise of De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Moderator they Came into ye following Voats

Voated 1 to Make Choise of five meat parsons to seat ye Meating House

Voated 2 to Leave the Deaming the seats with the seators

Voated 3

|                                 |   |                                    |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Lt Jona <sup>n</sup> Smith      | } | Committy to seat the Meeting House |
| Solomon Boulwood                |   |                                    |
| John Nash                       |   |                                    |
| De Ebene <sup>r</sup> Dickinson |   |                                    |
| Lt Ebene <sup>r</sup> Kellogg   |   |                                    |

Attested by EBEN<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON Moderator

Att A Legal Preceinct [Meeting] Held In Hadley third Preceinct October 1749: After they Mad Choise of a Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 to Provide ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons Ninty Loads of fire wood for this Present yeare—

Voated 2 to Raise one Hundred twenty two pounds teen shillings to procure ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons fire wood for this yeare

Voated 3 Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Hauley Lt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith Richard Chancey a Committy to Vieu ye Loads of wood

Attested by

Att A Legal Preceinct Meeting Held Jana<sup>r</sup> ye 18<sup>th</sup> 1749-50

After ye Choise of De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 John Nash: Moses Smith Joseph Eastman a Committy to agree with the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons what his sallary shall be the yeare past



Voated 2 to Build a Pound

Voated 3 to Give Ebene'r Mattoon Nine teen pound teen shillings to Build<sup>s</sup> Pound: as follows: to Build it thirty one feet and one half square three Length on Each Side and six Rails In Each Length & a cap peace upon ye top: temented upon Each post & ye Posts Set Neare three feet in the Ground & to find Iron Hangings & to finish s<sup>d</sup> pound workman Like

Voated 4 to seat the Meeting House A Nue

Voated 5 that Lt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith Solomon Boulwood John Nash Lt Ebene'r Kellogg De Eben'r Dickinson Nehemiah Strong Moses Smith John Dickinson Joseph Eastman a Committy to seat ye Meeting House

Voated 6 that the seaters Make it thare Rule In seating: by Estates Age & Quallifications

Attest

EBENE'R DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct March ye 12<sup>th</sup> 1750 they Came into the following Voats after the Choise of De Eben'r Dickinson Moderator

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark for this Present yeare

Voated 2 De Eben'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresuror for this yeare

Voated 3 Capt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith De Eben'r Dickinson John Dickinson Assessors for this Preceinct for this present yeare

Voated 4 Alexan'r Smith Jona<sup>n</sup> Edwards Moses Cook a Committy to Issu out warrants for preceinct Meetings this yeare

Voated 5 to add to ye Re<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons sallery which was made att fifty seven shillings & Eaight pence the ounce to three pound ye ounce this yeare

Voated 6 to Give Neha<sup>m</sup> Strong two pounds fifteen shillings to Blow the Kunk for this yeare

Voated 7 John Nash Richard Chancey a Committy to agree with some parson to sweep ye Meeting House

Attes't

EBENE'R DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct [Meeting] Held in Hadley third preceinct Novem'r ye 15<sup>th</sup> 1750 after ye Choise of De Eben'r Dickinson Moderator they Came into ye Following Voats—

Voated 1 to Raise thirteen pounds teen shillings Lawfull Money to procure ye Re<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons fire wood for the yeare Ensuing

Voated 2 that any Parson shall have Libarty to pay his parportion of above said thirteen pounds teen shillings in wood att three shillings pr Load att ye Judgment of a Committy for that purpus

Voated 3 to provide Glass to Mend ye Meeting house windows

Voated 4 that John Nash Lt Eben'r Kellogg Moses Smith a Comm'ty to Judg the Loads of wood—

Voated 5 that John Nash De Eben'r Dickinson provide ye Glass for ye Meeting house & put it up

Atte't

EBENE'R DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley third prec'nt March ye 28<sup>th</sup> 1751: After ye Choise of De Eben'r Dickinson Moderator they Came into the following Voats—

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark for this present yeare

Voated 2 Alexan<sup>dr</sup> Smith & David Nash William Boulwood a Comm'ty to Issu out warrants: for preceinct Meetings



Voated 3 De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar for this yeare

Voated 4 John Nash Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman Assessors for this Present yeare

Voated 5 to Raise fiftene pounds Lawful Money to procure the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons fire wood for the yeare Ensuing & that Each Good Load shall be Vallued att three shillings

Voated 6 John Nash Solomon Boulwood De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson a Comm<sup>n</sup> to prise ye Loads of s<sup>d</sup> wood

Voated 7 to Give Richard Chancey one pound fifteen shillings to sweep ye Meeting House ye yeare Ensuing—

Voated 8 to Give John Nash Jn foure pounds old tennor to Blow the Kunk ye yeare Ensuing

Attest EBEN<sup>R</sup> DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting held In Hadley third Preceinct Decem<sup>ber</sup> ye 2 1751: After the Choise of John Nash Moderatore they Came into ye following Voats

Voated 1 to Mak the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons Rate: & ye wood Rate by the same List to be Taken this Instant Decem<sup>ber</sup> also that s<sup>d</sup> Rate to be Made twnty five pounds bigger than to Answare ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons sallary: that s<sup>d</sup> twnty five pounds to [be] Loged In the Tresurers offis to Answar the Debts of this preceinct for this yeare

Voated 2 to finish ye Meeting House this yeare Ensuing

Voated 3 that Capt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith & De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson John Nash Lt Eben<sup>r</sup> Kellogg: Joseph Eastman a Committy to provide ye Matter and to se s<sup>d</sup> House finished

Voated 4 that De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson preceinct Tresurar see and git a Bond for the Money Du to this preceinct for ye Equiveland sold by ye townd of Hadley

Attes't JOHN NASH Moderator

At A Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct March ye 9<sup>th</sup> 1752 they Came into the following Voats—

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark for this presant yeare

Voated 2 Dea Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar for this yeare

Voated 3 Capt Jona<sup>n</sup> Smith De<sup>n</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Lt Eben<sup>r</sup> Kellogg Assesors for this preceinct for this yeare

Voated 4 Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Eben<sup>r</sup> Kellogg Jacob Worner to serve a[s] Com- mitty to Issu out Warrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated [5] to alow John Nash Jn teen shillings & Eaight pence to Give ye signal upon ye sabbath for this yeare

Voated 6 to Raise fiftene pounds to provide ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons fire wood for ye Ensuing yeare: that a Load shall be valued att three shillings

Voated 7<sup>th</sup> that John Nash Dea Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Lt Eben<sup>r</sup> Kellogg a Com- mitty to Vallu ye Loads of wood & also to appoint one Day or More to Bring s<sup>d</sup> wood—

Voated 8 that De<sup>n</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson to treat with ye Owers and se if he Can Get ye Money Due to this preceinct upon Bond

Attest EBEN<sup>R</sup> DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct [Meeting] Held In Hadley third Preceinct April ye 9<sup>th</sup> 1752 they Came into the following Voats





Voated 1 that ye first thirty pounds that was Granted to this preceinct for scooling be Improved to hire a scoole Master att ye fall of ye yeare

Voated 2 that the other therty pounds Granted ye Last Jana<sup>r</sup> by the Town to be Improv<sup>d</sup> to hire Scool Dames In the Summer

Voated 3<sup>ly</sup> that John Nash Mr Solomon Boulwood Richard Chancey En<sup>s</sup> Josiah Chancey Joseph Eastman John Field Moses Smith Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman & John Dickinson to Hire Scooling and order where s<sup>d</sup> scoole shall be kept

Voated 4 that De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson to Receive ye first thirty pounds above Mentioned & to Let it out to Interest & take Bond for s<sup>d</sup> Money upon Demand

Attest EBEN<sup>r</sup> KELLOGG Moderator

At A Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct March the 21 1753—

After they made Chois of De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voted 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Voted 2 De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voted 3 John Nash Alexand<sup>r</sup> Smith Elisha Ingram Assessors for the yeare Ensuing

Voted 4 Selneon Dickinson Solomon Boulwood Jn & John Nash Jn: a Committy to Issu out warrants: & warn preceinct Meetings: for the yeare Ensuing

Voted 5 to Raise fiteene pounds Lawfull Money to provide the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons fire wood for ye present year

Voted 6 to alow three shillings a Load Lawfull Money

Voted 7 John Nash Jona<sup>n</sup> Dickinson Moses Smith a Committy to Vallu ye Loads of wood

Voted 8<sup>y</sup> Capt Jonath<sup>n</sup> Smith John Nash Jonath<sup>n</sup> Dickinson a Committy to take advice of sum Gentelman Concerning the Lands sequestred for High ways In this preceinct

Voted 9 to Hire foure Bulls In this preceinct & that the present Assessors to Hire s<sup>d</sup> Bulls for ye use of this preceinct for ye space of one yeare

Voted 10 Semeon Clark & Aaron Worner a Committy to Hire sum parson or parsons to Give the Signal upon the sabbath: & to sweep the Meeting House for this present yeare

Attest EBENE<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON Modera<sup>r</sup>

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct Jenew<sup>r</sup> ye 23: 1753 after they Made Choise of John Nash Moderator they Came Into ye following Votes—

Voted 1 to Raise teen pounds Lawfull Money to Answer the matter that is provided for finishing the Meeting House & for midlin Bords 8 pound thousan

Voted 2 that ye Bills of charge that was then Brought In at this Meating was alowed & past

Voted 3 that John Nash & De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson: a Committy to Examin ye state & take advice Concerning the High ways in this preceinct

Voted 4 to Raise foure pounds Lawfull Money to promote scooling in this place

Voted 5 to Ajorn this Meeting to fifth of Febrewary next

S<sup>d</sup> Ajornment not attended

Attes<sup>t</sup> JOHN NASH Moderator



Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct July ye 5<sup>th</sup> 1753 they Came into ye following Votes after ye Choise of De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Moderator

Voted 1 that the Committy Made Choise of the Last March Meeting that they proceed & take advice of sum Gentelmen Concerning ye Lands that was sequestered for Highways in this preceinct by ye town of Hadley & act In that affaire according to thare best Judgment for the Interest of this preceinct

Voted 2 y<sup>t</sup> the foure pounds y<sup>t</sup> was Granted by this preceinct for scooling & ye twenty pounds Granted by ye town<sup>d</sup> of Hadley for ye same purpos be Disposed to provid three scools In this preceinct Equally Devided according to ye number of scollors

Voted 3 En<sup>s</sup> Josiah Chancey John Field Joseph Eastman a Committy to provide a scool in ye North part of this preceinct In ye Most Convenient place

Voted 4 that Semeon Clark David Nash & Aaron Worner provid scooling in ye Most Convenient place In ye Midele of this preceinct

Voted 5 that Moses Smith John Dickinson & Alexander Smith a Committy to provid scooling att ye South part of this preceinct

Voted 6 to seat the Meeting House In this preceinct

After Ajornment to ye 9<sup>th</sup> of Agust they Came to the following Voats—

Voted 1 to Make foure pues In ye Meeting House whare the Hind seats are and to Move ye other seats forward to make more rome for s<sup>d</sup> pues

Voted 2 that En<sup>s</sup> Josiah Chancey John Field & David Nash a Committy to provid matter & to Build s<sup>d</sup> pues

Voted 3 that Capt Jonath<sup>n</sup> Smith John Nash De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Richard Chancey Jonath<sup>n</sup> Moodey Nath<sup>n</sup> Coleman John Dickinson a Committy to seat the Meeting House

Voted 4 that these Ruels in seating be by mens age Estats & Quallifications  
Attested by EBENEZ DICKINSON Moderator

Att A Legal Preceinct Meeting Held Jenewary 30<sup>th</sup> 1754 After they Made Choise of De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 to Devide the Money Belonging to this preceinct for the Equevelant Lands sold by Hadley Town to be Divided by a List—which the town<sup>d</sup> mad for a Rule to Divide it to Each preceinct

Voated 2 to add to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsons salery for this yeare Ninty two pounds teen shillings old tennor

Voated 3 Moses Smith a Committy man with John Nash and Lt Ebene<sup>r</sup> Kellogg to Examin the Tresurar of this preceinct Concerning preceinct Debts that are yet behind

Voated 4 that Jona<sup>n</sup> Cows Joseph Eastman John Field Jona<sup>n</sup> Dickinson seators with those that was Chosen Before

Attest EBENE<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON Modera<sup>r</sup>

Att A Legal Preceinct Meeting Held in Hadley second preceinct March ye 22<sup>d</sup> 1754 After they Had Made Choise of John Nash Moderator they Came Into the following Voats—

Voated 1 John Nash preceinct Clark

Voated 2 De Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson preceinct Tresurar for this yeare

Voated 3 De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson De Nath<sup>n</sup> Smith Nath<sup>n</sup> Coleman Assesors for this preceinct

Voated 4 to Rais fourteen pounds Lawfull money to procure the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr



parsons firewood for this yeare

Voated 5 that peletiah Smith Jr & Noah Dickinson Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson a Comitty to Issu out warrants for preceinct Meetings that any parson that shall bring a good Load of wood to Mr parsons shall be aLowed three shillings towards his proportion In the above fifteen pounds

Voated 6 that Mr Solomon Boultwood Nehemiah Strong Jonathan Dickinson a Comitty to vew the Loads of wood

Voated 7 to Raise foure pounds Lawfull money to provide Scooling

Voated 8 that Joseph Eastman John Field Moses Warner Jonathan Nash John Dickinson Peter Smith a Comitty to Provide Scooling Equally in all parts of this preceinct as they Can: so far as the foure pounds above Granted and what may be Granted this yeare by the town<sup>d</sup> for Scooling in this preceinct

Voated 9 to Raise thirty two pounds old tennor to Hire Bulls for the servis of this preceinct for this yeare and that the Assessors Hire Bulls as they think most Convenient for all parts of the place so far as the above thirty two pounds shall Hire

Voated 10 that Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson John Nash Jr Noah Dickinson & Joseph Church have Liberty to Build a pue whare the two hind seats are in the front Galery on the mens side upon thare own Charge

Voated 11 that the Late Seators of the Meeting House to Consider if they Can Reasonably make any alteration in seating the Meeting House

Voated 12 that the Late Comitty Chosen to se about the High ways that they proceed accordng as they think Best upon the preceinct Charge

Voated 13 that the[y] Grant Caleb Bartlet seven pounds old tennor to Give the Signal and sweep the Meeting House for this year past

Attest JOHN NASH Moderator

thus far the Recording voats answard

At A Legal Preceinct Meeting held in Hadley Second Preceinct Decem<sup>r</sup> ye 13<sup>th</sup> 1754

After they Had made Choise of De Ebenezer Dickinson Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 to add to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsons Sollary for this yeare ninty two pound teen shillings old tennor

Voated 2 that De Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith & Joseph Church provide Glass and put it up whare any is wanting in the Meeting House upon the preceinct Charg

Voated 3 that the Assessors Mak a Rate to Raise Money to Defry the Charges as the Bills ware now passed

Attest EBEN<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON Moder<sup>r</sup>

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held in Hadley Second Preceinct March the 24<sup>th</sup> 1754 [1755]

After they Mad Choise of John Nash Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Voated 2 De Ebene<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voated 3 John Nash Jona<sup>n</sup> Dickinson Peter Smith assessors for this yeare

Voated 4 that the present Assessors be a Comitty to take Care of the prudentials of this preceinct

Voated 5 to Raise fourteen pounds Lawfull Money to procure the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsons fire wood: and that Each good Load of wood shall be Vallued att three shillings Lawfull Money



Voated 6 that Solomon Boulwood Jona<sup>n</sup> Dickinson: John Nash a Committy to vallu the Loads of wood

Voated 7 that the Committy Last Chosen to seat the Meeting House that they Make sum alterations: as to provide seats for sum new Cummers—

Voated 8 that oure anuel March Meating be held upon the second Munday annally upon said month

Attest JOHN NASH Moderator

At a Legal Preceinct Meating held in Hadley second preceinct Janaw<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1756 after they made Choise of John Nash Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 to Grant the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsons thirteen pounds six shillings & eaight pence addetion to his sollery for this present yeare

Voated 2<sup>ly</sup> that the Seaters Last made Choise of that they Make sum alterra-tion whare s<sup>d</sup> seators think proper

Attest JOHN NASH Mode<sup>r</sup>

Att A Legal Preceinct Meating held in Hadley second preceinct March y<sup>e</sup> Eaight 1756—

After they made Choise of De Ebenezer Dickinson Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 John Nash preceinct Clark for this yeare

Voated 2<sup>ly</sup> De Ebenezer Dickinson preceinct Tresurar

Voated 3<sup>ly</sup> De Ebenezer Dickinson Jonathan Moodey Jonathan Edwards Assessors for this yeare

Voated 4<sup>ly</sup> that the Assessors now mad Choise of be a committy to take Care of the prudenshall of this preceinct

Voated 5<sup>ly</sup> to Raise fifteen pounds Lawfull Money to procure the fire wood for the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons for the next yeare

Voated 6 that a good Load of wood Shall be Vallued att three shillings

Voated 7<sup>ly</sup> that the Assessors now Chosen be a committy to Vallue the Loads of wood

Attest EBENEZER DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meating Held In Hadley Second Preceinct Janew<sup>r</sup> the 10<sup>th</sup> 1757 After they made Choise of John Nash Modera<sup>r</sup> they came into the following Voats

Voated 1 that the Debts as they have been considered and have been past and the assessors are Directed to make a Rate to answer said Debts

Voated 2 to add to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsons Sollery for this year that is to his original Sollery fifteen pounds Lawfull money

Attest JOHN NASH Modera<sup>r</sup>

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting held in this preceinct March y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1757

After they had made Choise of John Nash Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voat 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Att a Legal Preceinct meating held in Hadley second Preceinct March y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1757

After they made choice of John Nash Modera<sup>r</sup> they came into the following Voats

Voted 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark





Voted 2 John Nash De Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Assessors

Voated 3 Jona<sup>n</sup> Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voated 4 to raise fifteen pounds lawfull money to procure the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsons fire wood and that the s<sup>d</sup> fifteen pounds to be Levied in the Same Rate with y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons Rate

Voated 5 that the assessors now made choise of to be a Committy to provide y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons wood as they think best

Voated 6 that the present Assessors a Committy to take Care of the prudentials of the preceinct for this one year

Attest JOHN NASH Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting Held in this Preceinct Decem y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1757 After they Made Choise of John Nash Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 granted y<sup>e</sup> preceinct Debts as they was Brought in and Considered

Voated 2<sup>ly</sup> to add to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsons Sollery so much as to make it to amount to sixty pounds

Voated 3<sup>ly</sup> that y<sup>e</sup> Assessors make a tax to Defry s<sup>d</sup> Debts

Attest JOHN NASH Moderator

At a Legal Precint Meeting held in Hadley Second Precint March y<sup>e</sup> 13 1758 after they made choise of Dec Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Moderator they Came into the—

Voat 1 Josiah Chauncy Precint Clark

Voted 2 Joseph Easman Precint tresurer

Voted 3 Dea Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Mosses Dickinson Dan<sup>l</sup> Kellogg Assessors

Voted 4 fifteen Pounds to Procure the Rev Mr Parsons fire wood the year Ensuing

Voted 5 that the fors<sup>d</sup> fiveteen Pounds be Levied in the same tax with the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons Sallary & the Presant assessors [be] a Com<sup>t</sup> to Procure fors<sup>d</sup> wood As they think Proper

Voted 6 the Presant assesors a Com<sup>t</sup> to take Care of the Prudentials of the Precint

Attest EBZ<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Precint Meeting held in Hadley Second Precint April 3 1758 after they Made Choise of Josiah Chauncy Moderator they Came in into the following Vote

Voted 1 Alex<sup>dr</sup> Smith Richard Chauncy Dan<sup>l</sup> Kellogg Peter Smith Joseph Easman Com<sup>t</sup> to settle Accounts with all former treasurers & Committes that have been In this Presint

Voted 2 to Chuse a Committe to take advice & Proceed & take such Measure as they think Proper to be set of[f] to be a dstrict

Voted 3 John Nash Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Josiah Chauncy A Committe for the fores<sup>d</sup> Purpose

Attest JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

at A Legall Meeting held in hadley 2<sup>d</sup> Precint June 29 1758 after Dea Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson was Chossen Moderator they Came into the following Vots

Voted 1 to send some Meet Person to the Generall Court to appear in behalf of the Precint Respecting A petition s<sup>d</sup> Precint have Entered s<sup>d</sup> Court to be set of to be a Dstrict

Vot 2<sup>d</sup> Josiah Chauncy to be the Person to appear in Behalfe of the Parrish at the Generall Court for the fores<sup>d</sup> Purpose



Vot 3<sup>d</sup> that the Com<sup>rs</sup> Chossen at a Legal Meeting in April 3<sup>d</sup> 1758 by the 2<sup>d</sup> Parrish to take such Measures as they thought Proper to be set of to be A Destrict should be the Com<sup>rs</sup> to Draw out of the treasurers office What Money their is belonging to the Precint to Defray the Charges the fors<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> have Expended in the fors<sup>d</sup> Servise of the Parish

Attest EBEZ<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON Moderator

[By an act passed February 13. 1759, the second precinct in the town of Hadley was erected into a district by the name of Amherst. 4 Acts and Resolves, 1759, ch. 12.]

At a Legal Meeting held In Amherst at the Meeting House on March 19 1759 after Dea Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson was Chosen moderator they Came Into the following Vots

- Vote 1 Josiah Chauncy Destrict Clerck
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 2 Joseph Easman treasurer
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 3 Dec Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson sesor
  - Jona<sup>th</sup> Dickinson sesor
  - Dec Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith
  - Ens John Dickinson selectmen
  - Mosses Dickinson sesor
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 4 Pelitiah Smith sworn Constables
  - Isaac Goodale sworn
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 5 Joseph Easman sworn
  - Jona<sup>th</sup> Edwards sworn tyth<sup>a</sup>
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 6 Gideon Dickinson sworn
  - Dan<sup>l</sup> Dickinson sworn
  - Ebez<sup>r</sup> Mattoon sworn Surveyors
  - Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson sworn
  - Jacob Warner
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 7 Simeon Clark sworn fence
  - Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman Viewers
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 8 Joseph Church sworn
  - John Petty sworn Hog Rifts [i. e. Reeves]
  - Reuben Ingram sworn
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 9 Alex<sup>tr</sup> Smith Clerk market
- Vo 10 that Hogs Rung & Yoakt Acor ding to Law may Run at Large
- Vo 11 That the High way work Be Done this Year By a tax Vo<sup>t</sup> to adjourn the meeting to the 20 of March Instant then met and Came Into the following Vots
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 12 to Hire Six Bulls for the District Service this Year
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 13 the Select men to Hire said Bulls
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 14 to Give the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsons Sixty Six Pounds thirteen shillings and four Pence Lawfull Money Including the Bond for the year Past Service—
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 15 that annually the first Day, of May the time To Pay Mr Parsons Sallary
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 16 that from the twenty first Day of March To the first Day of May that Mr Parsons Sallary Shall Be Levied In the Presant Tax & Paid him and the Interest for the foresaid time
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 17 to Raise twenty Pounds for this Years Scooling In the Next Years tax
- Vo<sup>t</sup> 18 to Discontinue one Rod in Width twenty Rods In Length In the East Street of the High Way Upon the East Side of that Land the town of Late Dis-



continued Begining at the South Side of Dan<sup>l</sup> Kelloggs Lot & Extending North the forsaid twenty Rods

Vo<sup>t</sup> 19 To Raise fiveteen Pounds to Procure the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons fire wood for the year Ensuing

Vo<sup>t</sup> 20 to Allow for Work Done at the Highways from the twenty ninth Day of March To october the tenth Sixteen Shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for a hand & fores<sup>d</sup> sum for teme & the Remainder Part of the Year twelve Shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for hand & said sum for teme

Vo<sup>t</sup> 21 that Ephraim Kellogg Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson 3d thomas Mortton John Field Jun<sup>r</sup> Noah Smith have Liberty to Build a pew over the Stairs In the Gallery the Mens Side if it Don't Hinder Passing In the Attics & Up- and Down Stairs

Attest EBEZ<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON Moderator

April 8 1759 John Ellis & Ruth Keet Both of Amherst have Had their Intention of Mariadge Made Publick

february 20 1759 then Solomon Rood & Sarah Gould Was Ioyned in Miriadge By Me test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Jus Peace

feb 22 1759 then John Young & Margeret Conkey Was Ioyned in Mariadge By Me test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Jus Pa

feb 22 1759 then Aaron Gray & Isabel Lucore was Ioyned In Mariadge By Me test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Jus Pea

April 24 1759 then Benj<sup>n</sup> Harwood & Cathirine Chauncy Was Ioyned In Mariadge By Me test JOSIAH CHAUNCY J Pa

At a Legal meeting Held in Amherst at the meeting House on wednesday the twenty first day of November 1759 After Dec Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vot 1 to Chuse a Com<sup>te</sup> to take such Measures as they think Proper in Makeing answer to the Generall Court why the Petition that John Mortton & Nathan Dickinson Hath Preferd to said Court should Not Be Granted

Vot 2 Josiah Chauncy Dea Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Joseph Easman a Com<sup>te</sup> for the fores<sup>d</sup> Purpose

test EBEZ<sup>r</sup> DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Meeting Held in amherst at the Meeting House on Wednesday ye twenty third Day of Janawary 1760 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vo<sup>t</sup> 1 two Pounds Lawfull money To Be Raised & the Select men have Liberty To Pay Part or all Said two Pounds To Reuben Ingram for Keeping Dan<sup>l</sup> Smith if Determined By them this Due from the Destrict

Vo<sup>t</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> that the Bills as they have Been Read & Considerd are Passed & the Presant assessors to Raise s<sup>d</sup> sums In the Presant years tax & order the same to be Paid where it is Due

Vo<sup>t</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> To Give the Rev Mr David Parsons this Year for his Sallary Sixty Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence To Be Levied in the Presant years tax—

Vo<sup>t</sup> 4 to Raise ten Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence L M for the Use & Benifit of Scooling to Be Levied in the Preasant years tax

test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

At a Legal meeting held in amherst february 11 1760 after Doctor Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots



Vo 1 Mr Jonathan Dickinson Ens John Dickinson Josiah Chauncy agents for the Destrict of Amherst to Comence an action in Law with the town of Hadley respecting the maintenance of Dan<sup>n</sup> Smith

atest

NATHANIEL SMITH Moderator

At a Legal Meeting in amherst Held at the Meeting House on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1760 after Dec Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson was Chosen Moderator they Came into the following

Vots 1 Josiah Chauncy Clerk sworn

Vo 2 Joseph Easman treasurer Alexander Smith Simeon Dickinson Constable sworn Ebez<sup>r</sup> Mattoon sworn Mosses Cook tythingmen Jon<sup>th</sup> Modey Joseph Church thomas Hastings Surveyers Sworn John Petty Joseph Clary fence Viewers

Jonathan Smith Nathan Dickinson Sworn Edward Smith Simeon Smith Reuben Ingram Hogrifts Sworn Noah Dickinson Elijah Baker Moses Dickinson Dearifs [*i. e. deer-reeves*] Alex<sup>tr</sup> Smith Cleark of the Markit Packer Gager

Vot 2 Hogs Rung & Yoakt acording to Law may Run at Large the Year Ensuing

Vo Jon<sup>th</sup> Edwards Nath<sup>n</sup> Colman Jona<sup>th</sup> Modey Josiah Chauncy Dan<sup>n</sup> Kellogg Selectmen taken the Previous oath Josiah Chauncy Jon<sup>th</sup> Edwards Jona<sup>th</sup> Modey assessors

Vo<sup>t</sup> to Raise thirteen Pound Six Shillings & Eight Pence for Scoolling in the Next tax

Vo<sup>t</sup> to Raise fifteen Pound to find the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsons fire wood for this year

Vo<sup>t</sup> Decon Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Josiah Chauncy John Dickinson A Com<sup>tt</sup> to View the High way in the East Street & fortriver & make tryal to Exchange Land with Some Parsons & make Return to this Meeting—

Vo Josiah Chauncy John Dickinson Joseph Easman A Com<sup>tt</sup> to View & Judge what Damiges Mr Jon<sup>th</sup> Dickinson Has Received By the County Road Being Laid across his Land & make Return to this Meeting

Vo<sup>t</sup> to adjourn this Meeting to monday the twenty fourth Day of March Currunt at three of the o Cloack in the — afternoon then met & the meeting opened & Came Into the following Vots

Vo to Build a Bridge over fort River in the East Street or Near thereabouts Upon the Destrict Charge

Vo<sup>t</sup> Solomon Boultwood Peter Smith John Billings a Com<sup>tt</sup> to Build the Said Bridge

Vo<sup>t</sup> to Seat the Meeting House

Vo<sup>t</sup> Jona<sup>th</sup> Dickinson Capt Jonathan Smith Josiah Chauncy Dec Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Mosses Dickinson a Com<sup>tt</sup> to Seat the Meeting House Vo<sup>t</sup> that Age & Quallifications & Estate upon the two Last Lists the Rule or Standard wherby the fores<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tt</sup> are to Seet Said meeting house

Vo<sup>t</sup> to Raise Eight Pounds to hire Bulls for the Destrict Service this Year

Vo<sup>t</sup> that the high way work this year Be Done By a tax

Vo<sup>t</sup> to allow for work Done at the High ways from the 29<sup>th</sup> of March Currunt to October 10<sup>th</sup> sixteen shillings Pr Day for hand & said sum for teme & the Remainder Part of the Year 12 Shillings Pr Day & Said Sum for teme

At a Legal meeting Held in amherst at the meeting House on tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of april 1760 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator they Came into the following Vots





Vo' 1 that the two fore Seats in the weomans Gallary in the front Shall Be Seated with men & to Build a Pew for the weomen upon the Back Part of the front Vo' to Build a Pew over the Stairs for the weoman upon the Destrict Charge

Voted to take Some advice in the County Respecting the Land formerly Sequestered for Highways in this Destrict

Vo' that Mr Jon<sup>th</sup> Dickickinson & Mr Dan<sup>ll</sup> Kellogg a Com<sup>tt</sup> for S<sup>d</sup> Purpose  
test JOSIAH CHAUNCEY Moderator

at a Legal Meeting Held in amherst on Monday the fifth Day of Janawary 1761 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vo<sup>d</sup> 1 the Deats as they Have Been Read & Considered are Voted Vo' 2 the Assessors To Raise s<sup>d</sup> Deats in this years Tax & order the Payment where Due Voted To Build two Scool houses in this Destrict at the Charge of Destrict

Vot<sup>d</sup> that Simeon Cleark Ens John field Peter Smith Lev<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson Nath<sup>ll</sup> Dickinson Mr Jonathan Dickinson a Com<sup>tt</sup> To View & Consider Whether it Be Best To have two or three Scool Houses & Where they Judg it most Convenient To Place them & make Report to the Next March Meeting

Vot<sup>d</sup> Sixty Six Pound thirteen Shillings & four Pence To Be Raised in this years tax & Paid To the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsons for this Years Sallary  
attest JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

at a Legal meeting held in Amherst at the meeting house on Monday the Second Day of March 1761 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator the[y] Came Into the following Vots

Voted Josiah Chauncy Cleark Sworn Joseph Easman Treasurer sworn

Voted Mr Jonathan Dickinson Lev<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson Peter Smith Joseph Easman Ens John field Selectmen

Voted Mr Jonathan Dickinson Peter Smith Ens John Field asesors

Voted Serg<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hastings & Serg<sup>t</sup> Gideon Dickinson Constables } Sworn

Voted Jonathan Modey Mosses Cook Noah Dickinson Surveyers } Sworn

Voted Joseph Church John Pettee Tythingmen } Sworn

Voted Sam<sup>ll</sup>-Ingram Sam<sup>ll</sup> Church Fence Viewers } Sworn

Voted Hezekiah Beldin David Smith Simcon Pomroy Phillip Ingram Asael Modey Hogrifs } Sworn

Voted Sollomon Boltwood Jun<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>ll</sup> Coleman Ebez<sup>r</sup> Mattoon } Dearifs } Sworn

Voted Alexander Smith Cleark of the Markit } Sworn

Voted Moses Dickinson Dan<sup>ll</sup> Kellogg Lev<sup>t</sup> William Boltwood } Wardens } Sworn

Voted to Raise fourteen Pounds to be Levied in the Next years Tax for Scooling

Voted to asept of the Report of the Com<sup>tt</sup> Respecting the Places where the Scool houses Shall Be Built

Voted the highways Shall Be Done this Preasant Year by a Tax

Voted that the Select men hire Bulls for this Year

Voted that the Select men be Impowered to Draw out of the Treasurer so much Money as is Due to the Province for Last years Tax & Pay it out

Voted that Mr Jonathan Dickinson have Four Acres & three Quarters of the Town Land Lying Between Mosses Warner & the high way that Leads to Pelham



Beginning at the East End of the said town Land taking the whole Breadth & Extending so Far West as to make up the fores<sup>d</sup> Quantity wich is For Sattisfaction to the aboves<sup>d</sup> Dickinson for Damiage Done to him By a County Road Being Laid across Part of his Land

Atest JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

at a Legal Meeting held at Amherst at the meeting house on the twelfth Day of October 1761 at two of the Clock in the afternoon after m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Dickinson was Chosen Moderator they Came into the following Vots

Voted the Destrict will be at the Cost of mending the Road from the Sawmill through Edmunt Hubbards Land

Voted the Select men Be a Com<sup>tt</sup> to Make Trial to See how they Can Exchange Land for a high Way with Jon<sup>th</sup> Coles & Make Report to the Next Meeting

Test JON<sup>th</sup> DICKINSON Moderator

at a Legal meeting Held in Amherst at the meeting house the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of December 1761 after Peter Smith was Chosen Moderator they Came into the following Vots

Voted 1 to Build a Scool House in the highway that Leads to Pelham Near the Place where Moses Warners house formerly stood and John Billing Dan<sup>ll</sup> Kellogg Lev<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Boltwood a Com<sup>tt</sup> to Build said House

Voted 2<sup>d</sup> to build another Scoolhouse in the highway that Runs East and West between Joseph Church and Jon<sup>th</sup> Coles Near the midle of the Length of said way and Ens John Field and Joseph Easman and Sam<sup>ll</sup> Ingram a Com<sup>tt</sup> to build said house

Voted 3<sup>d</sup> to Build another Scool house in the high way South of Nath<sup>ll</sup> Colmans Lot East of Plum Brook upon the hill & Mosses Dickinson Peter Smith Lev<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson a Com<sup>tt</sup> to build said house

Voted 4<sup>d</sup> that a midling Load Caried to m<sup>r</sup> Parsons Shall Be allowed in the Parsons Rate that Caries it 0-2-4-3 & the Selectmen are to Prise said Loads

Voted 5<sup>th</sup> to Give the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> David Parsons for his Sallary this year Sixty Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence

Voted 6<sup>th</sup> to Raise ten Pound to find m<sup>r</sup> Parsons with fire wood the Ensuing year

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in february Next at Nine of the Clock in the morning february 1 1762 then Mett & Came Into the following Vots

Voted 8 to allow for Sumer Work Done at the high way Be two shillings P<sup>r</sup> day & Eighteen Pence for fall work & the Bills as they have Been Considered & Now Stand are Voted

Voted 9 that the assessors make a Tax to answer the above said Bills

Voted 10<sup>th</sup> to Raise five Pound more for Scooling

Voted 11 to Give to the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> David Parsons thirteen Pound Six Shilling & Eight Penc as a further adition to his Sallary

Voted 12 John Field Agent to Northampton Court to make Answer to said Court why the Petition that Ephraim Kellogg hath Exhibited to said Court for altering the high way ought Not to be Granted

Voted 13 to Seet the meeting house

Voted 14<sup>th</sup> Lev<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson Doc<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>ll</sup> Smith Dec Jon<sup>th</sup> Edwards Peter Smith John Field a Com<sup>tt</sup> to Seet the meeting house



Voted y<sup>t</sup> the Last List age & Quallifications be the Rules the Seet the meeting house by

Voted 15<sup>th</sup> to Revoak the former Vote that was taken Respecting the Place to Set the midle Scool house in this Destrict

test

PETER SMITH Moderator

At a Legal meeting held in Amherst at the Meeting house October 18 1762 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vote 1 to Chose a Com<sup>n</sup> to Inspect the bridge Near James Merricks house and order Such Repairs to said Bridge as is Nessasary Dec John Nash Doc<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>n</sup> Smith Dan<sup>n</sup> Kellogg Ens John Field Simeon Clark a Com<sup>n</sup> for the afores<sup>d</sup> Purpose

Vo<sup>t</sup> 2 to Build three Scool houses in Amherst

Vo<sup>t</sup> 3 to Refer the Matter to a Com<sup>n</sup> Where said Scool houses Shall Be Set

Vo<sup>t</sup> 4 Capt Savage Capt Root Dec John Gun a Com<sup>n</sup> to Determin Where the afores<sup>d</sup> Scooll houses Shall Stand

Vot Dan<sup>n</sup> Kellogg Dec Azariah Dickinson Mosses Dickinson Simeon Cleark a Com<sup>n</sup> to wait on the afors<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>n</sup>

Vot to Chuse a Com<sup>n</sup> to Build the afors<sup>d</sup> Scool housses Where the Com<sup>n</sup> Apointed Shall order and Joseph Easman Nath<sup>n</sup> Dickinson Ens John Field Dan<sup>n</sup> Kellogg John Billings Simeon Cleark Mosses Dickinson Peter Smith John Dickinson a Com<sup>n</sup> for said Purpose

attest

JOSIAH CHAUNCY moderator

Att a Legal meeting held in Amherst at the Meetting house in March 1762 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vtd Josiah Chauncy m<sup>r</sup> Simeon Strong Alex<sup>d</sup> Smith Dan<sup>n</sup> Kellogg Mosses Dickinson—Select men Josiah Chauncy m<sup>r</sup> Simeon Strong Mosses Dickinson Assessors

Vot Josiah Chauncy Cleark Joseph Easman treasurer

Vo<sup>t</sup> Peter Smith Sollomon Boltwood Elijah Baker Surveyors

Vot Isaac Goodale Jon<sup>th</sup> Modey Jun<sup>r</sup> Simeon Cleark tythin men

Vo<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>th</sup> Coles Benjamin Roads Fence Viewers

Vo<sup>t</sup> Reuben Ingram Simeon Smith Simeon Pomroy Ebez Mattoon Aaron Warner Reuben Dickinson Hogrifs

Vo<sup>t</sup> Lev<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Boltwood Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Dearifs

Vo<sup>t</sup> Alex<sup>dr</sup> Cleark of the Markit

Vo<sup>t</sup> Mosses Warner Nath<sup>n</sup> Dickinson Dan<sup>n</sup> Dickinson Wardens

Vo<sup>t</sup> Joseph Church Surveyor of timber

Vo<sup>t</sup> Isaac Goodale Sealer of Leather

Vo<sup>t</sup> to do the Hlgh way work a Tax

Vo<sup>t</sup> that Hogs may Run on the Commons Yoak<sup>t</sup> & Rung from the First of May to the first of Semtember Next

Vo<sup>t</sup> to Allow Josiah Chauncy Bill

Vo<sup>t</sup> to Stop all Proceedings Respecting the Scool houses another Year

Vo<sup>t</sup> to Accept the Doings of the Sselect men in Exchanging Land with Jon<sup>th</sup> Coles for a hlg way

Vo<sup>t</sup> that Joseph Easman & Peter Smith a Com<sup>n</sup> to Setle with the town of hadley

Attest

JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

At a Legal meeting held in Amherst at the Meeting house in April 28 1762 after Mr Simeon Strong was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots



Vot 1 thirteen Pound Six Shillings & Eight Pence for the Use of Scooling  
 Vot 2<sup>d</sup> to Chuse a Com<sup>tt</sup> to Settle with the Former Com<sup>tt</sup> that was Chosen by the Town of Hadley to appear in behalfe of S<sup>d</sup> town Respecting the high ways

Vo<sup>t</sup> Peter Smith Alex<sup>dr</sup> Smith Dan<sup>l</sup> Kellogg Mosses Dickinson Lev<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson a Com<sup>tt</sup> to Settle with the Town Com<sup>tt</sup>

Vo to Impow<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tt</sup> to Pay the Destricts proportion of Charge to the hadley Com<sup>tt</sup> and to borrow money on — the Destricts Cre<sup>dt</sup> to Pay the same or to Find any way to Settle the Same acording to their Discesion

test SIMEON STRONG

at a Legal Meeting held in amherst at the meeting house on tuesday the fourth day of Janawary 1763 after m<sup>r</sup> Simeon Strong was Chosen moderator they Came Into the following

Vots 1 Sumer work from the First day of May to the First Day of October two Shillings P<sup>r</sup> day the Remaining Part of the Year Eleven Shillings & three Pence P<sup>r</sup> day

Vo<sup>t</sup> to Raise fourteen Pound for m<sup>r</sup> Parsons Fire wood

Vo<sup>t</sup> twenty two Pound for Scooling Vo<sup>t</sup> to Pass the Bills as they have Been Read Vo<sup>t</sup> to Give m<sup>r</sup> David Parsons thirteen Shillings & four Pence

test SIMEON STRONG Moderator

At a legal meeting holden in Amherst on the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of March A D 1763 After Simeon Strong chosen moderator voted as follows (viz)

Voted Simeon Strong District Clerk Joseph Eastman Treasurer

Vo<sup>t</sup> Elisha Ingram John Billings Joseph Eastman Moses Dickinson and Simeon Clark Select men for the Ensuing year—

Voted Moses Dickinson Joseph Eastman & John Billings Assessors—

Voted Ebenezer Mattoon and Aaron Warner constables

Voted Ebenezer Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Reuben Dickinson John Nash Jun<sup>r</sup> Pelatiah Smith Jun<sup>r</sup> David Smith & Jacob Warner Surveyers of Highways

voted David Blodgett Moses Cook and Elijah Baker Tithingmen

voted Alexander Smith Clerk of the Market

Voted Isaac Goodale Sealer of Leather

Voted Jonathan Coles and Nathaniel Coleman Fenceviewers

voted Noah Dickinson Jonathan Moody Jun<sup>r</sup> Nehemiah Dickinson Nathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Oliver Cows Hog Reeves

voted Joseph Williams Asahel Moody Reuben Dickinson Deer-Reeves

voted Joseph Church Surveyer of Timber

voted Simeon Dickinson Azariah Dickinson and Alexander Smith Wardens

voted that Hogs yoked and ringed according to Law may run at large from the first of May to the first of September next and after the Middle of October next till winter

Voted To grant the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons thirteen pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence in Addition to what has been before Granted for his years Salary

Attest SIMEON STRONG Moderator

At a Legal meeting holden in Amherst on the twenty first Day of April A D 1763 after Moses Dickinson Chosen moderator voted as follows (viz)

Vo<sup>t</sup> to approve of the Jurors offer<sup>d</sup> by the Select men to Supply the Box for the insuing year

Vo<sup>t</sup> To adjourn this meeting to monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of April Cur<sup>t</sup> at 4 of the Clock afternoon





April 24<sup>th</sup> then the District met by adjournment and voted as follows (viz)  
 vot<sup>d</sup> To Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> with power to make what Repairs they shall think proper in the fort River Bridge below the Gristmill or to build another if they Shall think proper.

vot<sup>d</sup> That Deacon John Nash Lieu<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson John Billings be the Com<sup>tee</sup>

vot<sup>d</sup> to choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> to build a Bridge over the Mill River where they Shall think most proper

Vot<sup>d</sup> Joseph Eastman Ins<sup>n</sup> John Field Lieut W<sup>m</sup> Boltwood Josiah Chauncy Esq<sup>r</sup> & Daniel Kellogg be the Com<sup>tee</sup>

Attest MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting holden at amherst on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of August A D 1763

Voted Simeon Clark moderator

Voted that John Dickinson John Field Daniel Kellogg William Boltwood be Surveyors of wheat for the District of Amherst for the Ensuing year

attest SIMEON CLARK Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the meeting house there on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of December A D 1763

Voted Joseph Eastman moderator

Voted To raise Sixteen Pounds for Supplying the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons with Firewood

Voted That the price of ordinary Load of wood carried to the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons be Eighteen Shillings old Tenor

Voted To adjourn the said meeting for one hour & then to meet & hold the same at the House of Moses Warner

Afterwards being met at Said warner's House

Voted To allow those that have laboured at Building the Bridge near Ephraim Kellogg's mill one Shilling & Eight pence p<sup>r</sup> Day

Voted To allow Gideon Dickinson John Field & Ebenezer Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> two Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day for their labour in falling Timber for the above Said Bridge

Voted To allow the Common Labourers at building the Lower Bridge near the mill one Shilling & Eight pence p<sup>r</sup> Day

Voted To allow Deacon John Nash Eighteen Shillings old Tenor p<sup>r</sup> Day for Eight Days work at the Last said Bridge

voted To allow the Bills brought into this meeting as they have been read & Corrected

voted That the Assessors of this District be impowered to raise money by a Tax for payment of Said Bills & to order payment of the Same to the persons respectively

voted To grant to the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons such addition to his Stated Salary for this year as to make in the whole Eighty pounds

voted To Clear & Fence the Burying yard in Said District

voted That Daniel Kellogg William Boltwood Josiah Chauncy Esq<sup>r</sup> Jun<sup>r</sup> Field John Dickinson Moses Dickinson Sam<sup>l</sup> Ingram be a Committee to Clear said Burying yard & to Fence the Same with Stone or Timber or partly with Each at their Discretion

voted To raise twenty four pounds for Schooling this year

voted To grant Liberty to Joseph Nash Gideon Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> John Morton Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Eastman Jun<sup>r</sup> Israel Dickinson Alexander Smith Jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas



Hastings Jun<sup>r</sup> Josiah Cows Eneas Dickinson Joel Billing Oliver Clap Jonathan Nash Jun<sup>r</sup> to build a pew in the Place of the two hind Seats in the upper Teer in the Gallary in the Meeting House on their own Cost on Condition that they resign the Same Pew when the District require it on the Districts paying back the Charge of Building

Attest JOSEPH EASTMAN Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting House there March 12<sup>th</sup> 1764

Voted Moses Dickinson moderator

Voted Simeon Strong Clerk for the said District the ensuing year

Voted Simeon Strong Treasurer for said District the ensuing year

Voted Peter Smith Nathanael Dickinson Jonathan Edwards Jonathan Dickinson John Dickinson Select men

Voted Jonathan Edwards Nathanael Dickinson & Peter Smith Assessors

Voted Joseph Church & Noah Dickinson Constables

Voted Simeon Clark Samuel Church Ebenezer Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> John Billing Samuel Ingram Jonathan Moody Jun<sup>r</sup> Surveyors of Highways

Voted To amend & Repair the Highways by a Tax the following year

voted Lemuel Moody Jonathan Cows Jun<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Dickinson the third Hogreeves

voted Azariah Dickinson John Dickinson Isaac Goodale Fenceviewers

voted Nehemiah Dickinson Reuben Dickinson & Peter Smith Tythingmen

voted Gideon Henderson Sealer of Leather

voted Hezekiah Belding and John Nash Jun<sup>r</sup> Deer-reeves

voted Alexander Smith Surveyor of Timber

voted Daniel Kellogg William Boltwood John Dickinson & Samuel Ingram Surveyors of Wheat

voted Nathanael Coleman Solomon Boltwood Samuel Ingram wardens

voted to adjourn this meeting to wednesday the fourteenth Day of March Current to be holden at said Meeting House

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the meeting house there by adjournment on the fourteenth Day of March A D 1764

Voted To provide a Book for Records. & a grave Cloth for the use of the District

voted that the Price of a Daywork at Highways in Summer be two Shillings & five pence

voted that a Day work in the Fall be one Shilling & Eight pence

voted to Release to Cap<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Kellogg his Rates that are unpaid

voted That Simeon Strong prefer a Petition to the Court of general Sessions of the Peace in Behalf of the District for discontinuing the Kings Highway at the Burying yard

voted that the present Select men Sattle & agree with Noadiah Lewis respecting the Road that lyes through his Lot

voted To Establish the Highway laid out by the Select men at the Mills at the north part of the District which said way is laid out & Return thereof made to this meeting as follows (viz) "The following Highway was laid out by us the Subscribers in the District of Amherst Nov<sup>r</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> 1763 (viz) Beginning at a Rack "at the End of Mr Farnsworth's House & Runs South 30° East Across the Bridge "above the Grist-mill nine Rods to the End of s<sup>d</sup> Bridge then South 28° west 13



"Rods then South 6° East 36 Rods to a black oak Staddle with a heap of Stones  
 "about it on the County Road—

Surveyed p<sup>r</sup> EBENEZER CHILDS

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| ELISHA INGRAM   | } Select Men |
| JOSEPH EASTMAN  |              |
| MOSES DICKINSON |              |
| SIMEON CLARK    |              |

voted To choose a Committee to Treat with the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons respecting the Settlement of his Sallary

voted That Peter Smith Deacon John Nash Deacon Ebenezer Dickinson Jonathan Dickinson Joseph Eastman Josiah Chauncy Esq<sup>r</sup> Moses Smith Samuel Ingram John Dickinson Moses Dickinson Jonathan Edwards William Boltwood Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Smith Pelatiah Smith Doct<sup>r</sup> Nathanael Smith & Jonathan Cows be the Committee for the purpose abovesaid & make their Report to this meeting

voted to adjourn this meeting to wednesday the twenty Eighth Day of March Current

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden by adjournment at the meeting house there on the twenty Eighth Day of march A D 1764

voted That Hogs being yoked & Ringed according to Law may run at Large in Said District from the first of May next untill the first Day of September next

voted to abate & Release to Tom Negro all Rates that have been assessed to him in this District that are now unpaid

The Committee chosen on the fourteenth Day of March Current by the afore-said Inhabitants to treat with the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons respecting the Settlement of his Sallary now make Report & cause to be read to this meeting the Proposals of Settlement made & directed to the said Inhabitants by the said David Parsons in writing under his hand in the following words (viz)

To the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst at their District Meeting holden by adjournment on wednesday the twenty Eighth Day of March A D 1764

Brethren & Friends

Whereas at your meeting holden on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of march Curr<sup>t</sup> you chose your Com<sup>tee</sup> to treat with me respecting the Stating & Settlement of my Sallary for the future & to know on what Terms I am Content to Settle the same I do therefore hereby offer & propose to you the following Terms of settlement (viz) that vote & Grant me a Sallary of Eighty pound lawful money to be my annual Stated Sallary for the future during my ministry with you; & in Case money Should become so Scarce as not to be a common Sufficient medium of Trade then I agree to accept the value of that Sum in Grain & other necessaries of Life and that you provide my Firewood annually as you have done heretofore—Also in Case the above proposal of providing my Fire-wood is not agreeable to you I make you the following proposal instead thereof (viz) That you grant & vote my Sallary to be annually for the future during my ministry with you the sum of ninety three pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence lawful money & in Case money Should become So Scarce as not to be a common Sufficient medium of Trade then I agree to accept the value of that sum in Grain & other necessaries of Life & in Case you Grant the Last mentioned Sum then my proposal is that you are forever freed from any obligations to provide my Fire-wood

Y<sup>r</sup> affectionate Pastor DAVID PARSONS



N. B. My Proposal is that in Case the above said Scarcity of money should happen then said Sallary should be paid at the following Rate (viz) wheat at the Rate of three Shillings & Seven pence one Farthing p<sup>r</sup> Bushel & Rye at the Rate of two Shillings & five pence p<sup>r</sup> Bushel—

After the Reading of which Proposals the Said Inhabitants proceed to vote in maner following the same vote being reduced to writing & read to said Inhabitants & taken in the following words (viz)

voted To grant & comply with the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons's second Proposal (viz) that the District vote & Grant said David Parsons's sallary for the future during his ministry with Said District the Sum of ninety three pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence; & in Case money Should be So Scarce as not to be a Common sufficient medium of Trade then said Sum Should be paid in Grain & other necessaries of Life and the District be freed from any obligations to provide said Parson's Firewood & in Case Said Scarcity of money should happen then said Sallary to be paid at the Rate of wheat at three Shillings & Seven pence one Farthing p<sup>r</sup> Bushel and Rye at the Rate of two Shillings & five pence p<sup>r</sup> Bushel

MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting House in Said District on the Seventeenth Day of December A D 1764 at 9 o'Clock in the forenoon

Vot<sup>d</sup> Peter Smith Moderator

Vot<sup>d</sup> to adjourn this Meeting for the Space of one Hour then to meet at y<sup>e</sup> Same Place—Met at said Meeting House after s<sup>d</sup> Space and

Vot<sup>d</sup> to Release to Deacon Ebenezer Dickinson his Note of about six pounds old Tenor payable to the District Treasurer for his Service in y<sup>e</sup> office of Treasurer ten years

Vot<sup>d</sup> to Allow two Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day for Labour done for the District in Summer

Vot<sup>d</sup> to allow one Shilling & Six pence p<sup>r</sup> Day for fall Work

Vot<sup>d</sup> to allow all the Bills as they have been read & Corrected

Vot<sup>d</sup> to impower the Assessors to levy a Tax on y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of this District for Defraying the Debts arising on said Bills

Vot<sup>d</sup> to allow the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Abercrombie twenty Shillings for preaching here one Sabbath

Vot<sup>d</sup> to adjourn this meeting to the House of Moses Warner to meet there as soon as may be—met accordingly there and

vot<sup>d</sup> to raise twenty Pounds for the use of Schooling

Vot<sup>d</sup> to impower the Assessors to lay a Tax on the Inhabitant[s] of Said District for Said twenty pounds

Vot<sup>d</sup> to build four School Houses in this District

Vot<sup>d</sup> to Choose Several Com<sup>tees</sup> to determine the Places where said Houses Shall be built

Vot<sup>d</sup> Moses Dickinson Peter Smith & Lieu<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to fix the Place for the North School House

Vot<sup>d</sup> Josiah Chauncy Esq<sup>r</sup> Joseph Eastman Ens<sup>n</sup> John Field be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for fixing the Place of the South School House

Vot<sup>d</sup> Daniel Kellogg Gideon Dickinson John Billing be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to fix the Place of the west Middle School House

Vot<sup>d</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Boltwood Isaac Goodale Simeon Strong be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to fix the place of the East Middle School House





Vot<sup>d</sup> that the District will abide the Determination of the aforesaid Com<sup>tees</sup>

Vot<sup>d</sup> to choose four other Com<sup>tees</sup> to build said Houses where the afores<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tees</sup> Shall determine

Vot<sup>d</sup> Elijah Baker Samuel Ingram Nathanael Dickinson be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to build the north School House

Vot<sup>d</sup> Simeon Clark Deacon Nash Ins<sup>n</sup> John Field be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for building the west middle School House

Vot<sup>d</sup> Daniel Kellogg Jonathan Dickinson & Thomas Hastings be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for Building the East middle School-House

vot<sup>d</sup> Nathanael Coleman Lieut John Dickinson Peter Smith be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to build the South School House

Vot<sup>d</sup> that the four last mentioned Com<sup>tees</sup> be one Joint Com<sup>tee</sup> for Determining the Size & Dimentions of each of the said School Houses

Attest PETER SMITH Moderator

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting House in Said District on the Eighteenth Day of March A D 1765 at 9 o'Clock in the forenoon

Voted Jonathan Dickinson Moderator

Voted Simeon Strong Clerk of said District for the Ensuing year—

Voted Simeon Strong Treasurer of said District

Voted John Billing Moses Dickinson Simeon Clark Joseph Eastman Azariah Dickinson Select Men

Voted Elijah Baker & Jonathan Moody Jun<sup>r</sup> Constables

Voted Gideon Henderson Thomas Hastings & Lieut John Dickinson Wardens

Voted Ins<sup>n</sup> John Field Lieut William Boltwood Daniel Dickinson & Daniel Kellogg Surveyors of Highways

Voted Daniel Kellogg Isaac Goodale Joseph Dickinson Tithingmen

Voted Jonathan Cows & Peter Smith Fenceviewers

Voted Lieut John Dickinson Samuel Ingram Daniel Kellogg & Lieut William Boltwood Surveyors of Wheat

Voted Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Asahel Moody & Moses Cook Deer Reeves

Voted Josiah Moody Edward Smith Ephraim Kellogg Jun<sup>r</sup> & David Cows Hogreeves

Voted Gideon Henderson Scaler of Leather

Voted Joseph Church Surveyor of Timber & Lumber

Voted that Hogs yoked & ringed according to Law may run at Large from this Time to the first Day of September next

Voted to raise the Sum of thirty Pounds for repairing Highways

Voted That the Assessors Assess said Sum on the Inhabitants of said District District Meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> 1765

Voted That from this Time to the first Day of September next the price of a Days work at Highways Shall be two Shillings & five pence

Voted That the Price of Fall Work be one Shilling & nine pence p<sup>r</sup> Day

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the next Monday at one o'Clock afternoon to meet at this Place Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> at one o'Clock

met by Adjournment

JONATHAN DICKINSON Moderator

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst at the Meeting House in Said District on the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of January A D 1766 at 9 o'Clock forenoon



Voted Simeon Strong Moderator

Voted to remove the meeting to the School House which is near Landlord Warners dwelling House

Voted to raise the Sum of twenty seven Pounds for the use of Schooling

Voted That the Price of Summer Work at the School Houses be two Shillings by the Day

Voted That the price of Fall Work at the School Houses be one Shilling and Six Pence by the Day

Voted That Carpenter's Fall Work be two Shillings & four Pence

Voted That Carpenter's Summer Work be two Shillings & Eight Pence

Voted To allow the Bills as read and Corrected

Voted To grant the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons the Present year's Sallary ninety three pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence

Voted That the Assessors make an Assessment on the Inhabitants of the District for Discharging the Debts before allowed

Attest SIMEON STRONG Moderator

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting House there on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of March A D 1766

Voted Josiah Chauncy Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

Voted To remove the Meeting to the School House near Moses Warner's dwelling House

Voted Simeon Strong Treasurer

Voted Simeon Strong Clerk

Voted Lieut John Dickinson Deacon Jonathan Edwards Ins<sup>n</sup> John Field Samuel Ingram and Alexander Smith Select Men

Voted Lieut John Dickinson Ins<sup>n</sup> John Field and Deacon Jon<sup>th</sup> Edwards Assessors

Voted Reuben Dickinson and Justus Williams Constables

Voted John Field Gideon Dickinson Moses Dickinson and John Nash Jun<sup>r</sup> Surveyers of Highways

Voted Gideon Dickinson Aaron Warner and Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Tithingmen

Voted Jonathan Cows and Nathanael Coleman Fence Viewers

Voted Gideon Henderson Sealer of Leather

Voted Warham Warner Robert Emmons James Merick and Eli Colton Hogreeves

Voted Peter Smith Moses Cook Elijah Baker Thomas Hastings Surveyors of Wheat

Voted Joseph Church Surveyor of Timber

Voted Pelatiah Smith Jun<sup>r</sup> and Joseph Dickinson Deer-Reeves

Voted Peter Smith Dr Nathanael Smith & Moses Cook Wardens

Voted To repair Highways by a Tax in the Same Method as was done the last year

Voted That Swine yoked & Ringed may run at large from the first Day of May next till the first Day of September next

Voted To allow Mr Benj<sup>n</sup> Dickinson's Bill of Eight Shillings for the Interest of his money due from the District

Voted That y<sup>e</sup> former Com<sup>ms</sup> for fencing the Burying Yard proceed to get the Highway against the Burying Yard Discontinued and likewise fence the Burying



yard assoon as may be by collecting the Inhabitants to labour at said Business

Voted To allow of and accept a Road laid out by the Select-Men returned and certified by them to be laid out as follows (viz) " These may certify to the Meeting that We the Subscribers have laid out a Highway three Rods Wide across the Sequestered Land beginning at Asahel Moody's South Line extending one Rod and a Half Each Way from said Line running from the County Road West To the Town Highway running West ten Degrees North attest John Billing Moses Dickinson Joseph Eastman Select Men

#### Attest

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting House there on the fifth Day of January AD. 1767

Voted Jonathan Edwards Moderator

Voted to remove this Meeting to the School House near Moses Warners

Voted to grant and allow (the Bills brought in as read & Corrected

Voted to impower the Assessors to make an Assessment on the Inhabitants for Payment of the Bills allowed & of the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons's Sallary for the Current year

Voted That Dea<sup>n</sup> Ebenezer Dickinson In<sup>n</sup> John Field Joseph Eastman Moses Dickinson and Jonathan Dickinson be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Consider how much Land Shall be granted to Mr Simeon Strong for his purchasing for the District the Land where the Path goes from hartling Stake to y<sup>e</sup> Boundary near Wolfpitt Brook and to make Report to this Meeting on Adjournment

Voted To Seat the Meeting House

Voted Moses Dickinson John Field Joseph Eastman Jonathan Edwards Solomon Boltwood be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for that Purpose

Voted That for the Future the Annual Meetings of January and March be Warned by Notifications posted on the South Door of the Meeting House fourteen Days before the respective Meetings

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday this Day Fort night to Meet at this Place at one o'Clock afternoon

Voted To grant and raise twenty Seven pounds for Schooling

Voted That those who have brought in Bills to this adjourned meeting for Work at raising the West Bridge on Fort-River be allowed two Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day

Voted To allow those that wrought at the East Bridge one Shilling and four Pence p<sup>r</sup> Day

Voted That those that laboured at the West Bridge at other Labour than raising be allowed one Shilling and Sixpence by the Day

Voted To allow the Bills brought into this adjourned Meeting as read & Corrected

Voted That the Assessors make Assessment for Payment thereof

Voted That Lieut<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson & Peter Smith be Agents for the District to appear in their Behalf at the next Court of general Sessions of the Peace to make Defence against the Petition of Jolm Billing & others for a Road

Voted To take of the Sequestration from and Discontinue the Town Highway between Pelham Road & the Burying Yard for the whole Breadth thereof

Voted To give and grant to Simeon Strong his Heirs and Assigns forever a Certain Parcel of Said Highway between Said Pelham Road and the Burying Yard bounded East on the Line bounding the East Side of Said Highway north on the Burying Yard, South on Pelham Road and Extending so far West as to



make the Quantity of Six Acres, upon Condition of—his procuring all the Land between Hartling Stake and a Boundary near to and South of Wolfpitt Brook and between his own & Solomon Boltwoods Fence on one Side and the Kings Highway on the other Side; so that a Kings Highway may be laid out from said Hartling Stake to said Boundary near Wolf-Pitt Brook as the travelling Path now goes without any Charge to the District of purchasing the Land or rendring Damages to the owner thereof and in Case the District cannot obtain a Discontinuance of the Kings Highway where it now lies and a Kings Highway laid where the Travelling Path now goes within one year then this Grant to be Void

Voted To choose Mr Simeon Strong Agent for the District in their Behalf to make Application to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for a Discontinuance of the Kings Highway from Hartling Stake to a Boundary near Wolfpitt Brook: and for another Highway to be laid out between said Limits as the Path now goes

Attest JON<sup>TH</sup> EDWARDS Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting House there on Tuesday the twenty Seventh Day of January AD. 1767

Voted Ins<sup>n</sup> John Field Moderator

Voted To make Such Amendments and Alterations in the Meeting House as the Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen for that Purpose have Reported to this Meeting in Writing under their Hand

Voted That Ins<sup>n</sup> Field Gideon Henderson John Billing Lieu<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson and Peter Smith be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to make Said Alterations and Amendments

Attest

Record of the Warrant for A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst Jan<sup>ry</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1767 & the Return thereof which is omitted in Proper Place & should have been recorded before the Record of said Meeting 3 Pages Each

[Seal] To the Constables in Amherst or either of them Greeting—You are required in his Majesty's Name forthwith to warn all Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said District who are Qualified by Law to Vote in Town-Meetings that they Assemble at the Meeting House in said District on Monday the fifth Day of January next at nine o'clock in the Morning then & there after the Choice of a Moderator to do as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> to Consider & pass the Debts which have arisen in the District this year past & to raise money as they shall find occasion

2<sup>dly</sup> To determine what they will do in opposition to the suit of a Highway through Deacon Nashes Lot & onward

3<sup>dly</sup> To determine whether the District will take off the Sequestration from and discontinue the Town Highway or any Part thereof lying between the Highway called Pelham Road & the Land sequestred for a Burying Yard & between the first & Second Divisions of Land in Amherst

4<sup>thly</sup> To determine what Lands within said Limits the District will grant to Mr Simeon Strong on Condition of his procuring the Land East of his own & Solomon Boltwood's Fence & between said Fence & the west Line of the Highway as it now lyes of sufficient Width for a King's Highway from the South-East Corner of said Strong's Fence as the Travelling Path now goes to a boundary about six Rods South of Wolf-Pitt Brook so that the District shall need be at no Charge of purchasing said Land





5<sup>thly</sup> To choose an Agent to prefer a Petition to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Court of General Sessions of the Peace next to be holden at Northampton that the King's Highway between the Hartling Stake & Said Wolf-Pitt Brook may be discontinued and laid out where the Path now goes

6<sup>thly</sup> Whether they will discontinue the Town Highway on a Spot of Land lying between Simeon Dickinson's South Line and the County Road against where Moses Warner's House formerly Stood Suposed to be about two Acres giving Liberty to Preserved Clap to take Possession thereof

7<sup>thly</sup> Whether they will give Liberty to a Number who desire it to build a Pew or Pews in the Gallery at their own Cost

8<sup>thly</sup> Whether they will seat the Meeting House anew; or make any Alteration in the Sitting

9<sup>thly</sup> whether they will allow that annual Meetings which are in January & March be warned by Notifications—and you are to make Return of this Warrant & of your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before said Time—Given under our Hand & Seal this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1766

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| JOHN DICKINSON | } Select Men |
| JOHN FIELD     |              |
| SAM'L INGRAM   |              |
| ALEX'R SMITH   |              |

Return of the Constable indorsed thus (viz)

The Directions of this Warrant hath been attended by Me

JUSTUS WILLIAMS a Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst on Monday the Sixteenth Day of March 1767 at the Scool house at Nine of the Clock in the Morning after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vot<sup>d</sup> Josiah Chauncy Clark   Vot m<sup>r</sup> Simeon Strong Treasurer

Vo<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>th</sup> Dickinson Nath<sup>l</sup> Collman Joseph Easman Select Men and Assessors

Vo<sup>t</sup> Mosses Dickinson Simeon Clark Select men

Vo<sup>t</sup> Hezekiah Beldin Asael Moody Constables

Vo<sup>t</sup> Simeon Pomroy Joseph Dickinson Jon<sup>th</sup> Smith Surveyors

Vo<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Colman Jon<sup>th</sup> Coles fence Viewers

Vo<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> William Boltwood Martin Smith Tithing Men

Vo<sup>t</sup> Mosses Warner Jun<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>th</sup> Moodey Jun<sup>r</sup> Jacob Warner Jun<sup>r</sup> Noah Smith

Jon<sup>th</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Hogrifs

Vo<sup>t</sup> Ebez<sup>r</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Simeon Smith Dearifs

Vo<sup>t</sup> Peter Smith Elijah Baker Mosses Cook Thomas Hastings Surveyors of Wheat and Flow<sup>r</sup>

Vo<sup>t</sup> Gideon Henderson Sealer of Leather

Vo<sup>t</sup> Joseph Church Surveyer of Lumber

Vo<sup>t</sup> Aaron Warner Isaac Goodale Pelitiah Smith Wardens

Vote to keep the Scool one Month in the west Street North End

Vo<sup>t</sup> Daniel Kellogg Surveyor

Vo<sup>t</sup> to Do the high ways this Year by a Tax

Vo<sup>t</sup> to adjourn this Meeting to the twenty third Day of March Currant at 4 o Clock in the afternoon

Then Meet by adjournment & Voted to Except of the Return of the Select Men of a high way Laid out as Follows Amherst March y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1767 we the Subscribers have Laid out a Town highway two Rods in Width from the Mills to



Hadley Line we Began North of the bridge below the Mills and Run South twenty Nine Degrees west thirty Rods thence South forty Degrees west fifty two Rods thence west thirty Seven Degrees South twenty Eight Rods thence North thirty two Degrees west Eight Rods thence west thirty one Degrees South ten Rods thence west about Nine Degrees North Seventy four Rods thence west about Eight Degrees South twelve Rods thence west Nine Degrees North Sixty Rods thence west thirty Nine Degrees west forty Rods to hadley Line

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| JONATHAN DICKINSON | } Select Men |
| NATH'L COLEMAN     |              |
| JOSEPH EASMAN      |              |
| MOSSES DICKINSON   |              |

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

At a Legal Meeting held in Amherst on April 14 1767 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vo<sup>t</sup> that y<sup>e</sup> Select Men order out of the Treasury y<sup>e</sup> Sum of fifty two Shillings for the Conveying the French Neutrels to Canada

Vo<sup>t</sup> to Chuse a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Take advice Respecting any Measures to Prevent the Establishment of the Road through John Nashs Lot Vo<sup>t</sup> Peter Smith John Dickinson be the Com<sup>tee</sup>

Vo<sup>t</sup> the Said Com<sup>tee</sup> Shall Proceed in Law Upon advice that they Shall Recive from Such as are Skil<sup>d</sup> in Law according to their Direction

Vo<sup>t</sup> that Money be Taken out of the Treasury to Defray the Cost of the affair

Vo<sup>t</sup> Josiah Chauncey Esq<sup>r</sup> & Jon<sup>th</sup> Dickinson be Comitty Men To Joyn a former Com<sup>tee</sup> to Seet the Meeting house

Vo<sup>t</sup> that the Com<sup>tee</sup> Chossen to Seet the Meeting house Shall Seet said house by Age & Estate and Quallifications

JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

At a Legal Meeting held in Amherst on the Eleventh Day of June 1767 after Jon<sup>th</sup> Dickinson was Chosen Moderator Came Into the following Vote

Vo<sup>t</sup> to Discontinue Road or highway Lately Laid out by the Courts Comitty through Decon John Nashes Lot he Now Lives on and through David Nashes Lot Jonathan Nash Lives on Near the South Line of said Lot

attest JON<sup>TH</sup> DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Meeting held in Amherst on Monday the fourth Day of Janawary at the Scool house at Nine of the Clock in the Morning after Josiah Chauncy Esq<sup>r</sup> was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vo<sup>t</sup> Mosses Dickinson Dan<sup>l</sup> Kellogg Martin Smith a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Examine the Accounts of those that formerly builded Pews in the Meeting house & Make Report of the Sum to the Assessors

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Vo<sup>t</sup> that the bills as they have Read and Considered And also Six Pounds Granted by the District to John Hubbard for Damiges Done him by Laying a Town Road Crost his Land and Likewise Mr David Parsons Sallary be Raised in a Tax on the District by the assessors & Paid out where Due

Vo<sup>t</sup> twenty four Pounds further to be Raised for the Use of Scooling & Paid out by the assessors

Vo<sup>t</sup> the North Scool be kept one halfe the Time in the West Street

Vo<sup>t</sup> that the Select Men Build a New Pound Near Hartling Stake or Repair the old Pound as they think Best

attest

JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator



[Seal] Hamshere St. to the Constables, or Constabe of the Destrict of Amherst or Either of them Greeting—In his majesties Name you are requir,d forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants Qualified for voting in Destrict metings that they Assemble & meet at the Schoolhous near the hartling Stake in the west Street in s<sup>d</sup> Destrict on the first monday in March Next which is the 7<sup>th</sup> day of s.<sup>d</sup> March at nine of the Clock in the Morning viz to act upon the following articles

1<sup>st</sup> to Chuse a Moderator

2<sup>dly</sup> to Chuse Destrict officers

3<sup>dly</sup> to see if the Destrict will get sum body to undertake to keep the burring yard fence,<sup>d</sup> and Clear,<sup>d</sup> for Liberty to feed it and for land next to it

to see if the Destrict will take of the Sequestoration from any highway Land by the burring yard

to Chuse a Committy to agree with some Person About Keeping the burring yard well fenced and Clear<sup>d</sup> for Land joining to it and for liberty to feed the yard and to give deed and take obligations of them that they Agree with

4<sup>thly</sup> to see if the Destrict will Except of a highway Laid out by the Select men beginning north of Elijah Bakers Running into the Sawmill in Joseph Churches Land and Continuing Said Rhode through Mr Sharps Land

5<sup>thly</sup> To see if the Destrict will Lay a highway through the first Division from the west Street to the Sawmil in Joseph Churches Land Where they shall see fit

6<sup>thly</sup> To see what mesures we Shall Come into to keep the highways in Repair for the year insuing

7<sup>thly</sup> To se if the Destrict will Except the Rhode Laid through the middle Division on the South Side of Pelletiah Smiths Lot from the Est End to mill River

8<sup>thly</sup> To hear Mr Strongs request to Answer him the money which he paid the Committy for altering the highway against the burring yard

And make returne of this warrant and your Doings to one of us before S<sup>d</sup> Day Given under our hands and seal this fifteenth Day of February 1768

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| JON <sup>th</sup> DICKINSON | } Selectmen |
| NATH <sup>ll</sup> COLEMAN  |             |
| MOSES DICKINSON             |             |
| SIMEON CLARK                |             |
| JOSEPH EASMAN               | }           |

Return of the Constable Indos<sup>d</sup> thus viz Hams<sup>b</sup> ss. This may Certify that the Directions of this Warrant hath ben attended by Posting a Notification fourteen days before a meting according to the Vote of the Destrict—Hezekiah Belding Constable for Amherst

Att a Legal meting of the Inheabitants of the Destrict of Amherst on monday the seventh day of March 1768 at the school hous near the hartling Stake at Nine of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> morning After Josiah Chauncy Esq was Chosen Moderator they Came into y<sup>e</sup> following Vots

Vot<sup>d</sup> Seth Coleman Clerk for the S<sup>d</sup> District the Ensuing year

Vot<sup>d</sup> Mr Simeon Strong Treasurer

Vot<sup>d</sup> Lev<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson, Alexander Smith Dea<sup>n</sup> Jonathan Edwards Ins<sup>n</sup> John Field Moses Dickinson Select Men

Vot<sup>d</sup> Dea<sup>n</sup> Jonathan Edwards Moses Dickinson Alexander Smith assessors

Vot<sup>d</sup> to adjurn for the space of one hour and Meet at this Place

Met at said School hous after s.<sup>d</sup> Space and

Vot<sup>d</sup> Nehemiah Dickinson John Nash jun<sup>r</sup> Constables



Vot<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Cows Peter Smith Jonathan Nash fens vewers

Vot<sup>d</sup> Joseph Esman Roburb Emmons Jonathan Smith John Field jun<sup>r</sup>  
Teithing Men

Vot<sup>d</sup> Pheilup Ingram Samuel Alling Joel Moody Oliver Clap Chileab Smith  
Hog-reeves

Vot<sup>d</sup> Moses Cook Elijah Baker Deer reeves

Vot<sup>d</sup> Thomas Hastings Gideon Handerson Timothee Green John Billings  
Surveyers of highways

Vot<sup>d</sup> Joseph Church surveyer of lumber

Vot<sup>d</sup> Gideon Honderson Sealer of Leather

Vot<sup>d</sup> Elishar Ingram Dea<sup>n</sup> Simeon Clark Ins<sup>n</sup> John Field wardens

the following Votes were Committed to riting and red in the audience of the  
detrict of Amherst which are as follows viz

Amherst District meting March 7<sup>th</sup> 1768

Vot<sup>d</sup> To take of the Sequestration from the Land in the town Highway  
adjoining to the Burying Yard Northward as far as Thomas Bascoms Fence

Vot<sup>d</sup> to Dispose of and Grant Said Land the Highway adjoining to the  
Burying Yard & as far North as Thomas Bascombs Fence to D<sup>n</sup> Seth Coleman in  
Fee he giving Good Security for Erecting and Maintaining a Good & sufficient  
Fence about said Yard forever & keeping the same well Clear,<sup>d</sup>

Vot<sup>d</sup> that Ins<sup>n</sup> John Field Dea<sup>n</sup> Simeon Clark Joseph Eastman Daniel  
Kellogg & Mr Simeon Strong be a Com<sup>tee</sup> in behalf of District to Dispose of &  
Grant Said Land to Said Seth Colem<sup>n</sup>, & to Grant him Right of Feeding and  
Pasturing the Burying Yard in such manner & for so long time as S<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> shall  
think Proper and that said Com<sup>tee</sup> be impowered to make and Execute in Behalf  
of the District a Good Deed or Deeds for the Effecting the Purpose aforesaid to  
S<sup>d</sup> Colman, & to take & receive of him in like manner such securities & join in  
making such obligations, Covenants Indenters or to receive the same of him as  
Shall be affectual to secure the Performance of the Engagements on his part  
Respecting the making Maintaining said fence and for Keeping said Yard always  
well Clear<sup>d</sup>—and the said Com<sup>tee</sup> are to use their Discretion as to what Quantity  
or part of said Land they will Dispose of; and at what Price they will Sell the  
Same for over and above the Consideration of fencing & Clearing as aforesaid in  
Case on View of the land they shall find it of more Value than is now apprehended

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

Vot<sup>d</sup> To Repare the High-ways this year by a Tax

Vot<sup>d</sup> that hogs should run from the tenth of may next to the first of September  
Ensuing being ring,<sup>d</sup> and yoked according to law

Vot<sup>d</sup> To Allow Mr Simeon Strongs his bill for altering the highway against  
the buriing yard; which is as follows

May 1767

To p<sup>d</sup> for Record of Altering the highway North of Hartling stake £- 3 10

To p<sup>d</sup> for Entry of Caution at Crb 8

To p<sup>d</sup> Capt Dwight for laying out y<sup>e</sup> way 17 9

£1 2 3

Vot<sup>d</sup> To adjurn this meting to munday the 28<sup>th</sup> of march Currant at the School  
hous near the Hartling stake

At a Legal meting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst hold at the  
meting hous on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> day of march AD 1768 at 4 of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup>  
afternoon &c





Vo<sup>t</sup> Moses Dickinson Moderator

Vo<sup>t</sup> to remove to the School hous near Landlord M Warners

Vo<sup>t</sup> that all Persons that have Either Children or Prentices or any under their Care that have seats ascined them in the meting hous see to it that they take and keep their respective seats unless at any particular time they were for some speatial reason invited into an nother seat by the oner or oners of the same

On Monday y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1768 the Inheabitants of the District of Amherst met by adjurnment at the School hous Near the hartling Stake at fore of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon but paist no Votes

Test

JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

Att a Legal Meting of the District of Amherst Holden at y<sup>e</sup> Meting hous on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of May AD 1768 at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon——after the choice of Moses Dickinson Moderator Came into y<sup>e</sup> following Vots

Vo<sup>t</sup><sup>d</sup> To adjurn this meting for y<sup>e</sup> Space of a quater of an hour

Vo<sup>t</sup><sup>d</sup> To Come into some Measures to Clear off the incumbrences from the high way runing East and west between Moses Warners and Simeon Dickinsons on that Side next to S<sup>d</sup> Dickinsons Land

Vo<sup>t</sup><sup>d</sup> To Chuse a Committe to agree with Jonathan Dickinson & Simeon Dickinson about the Incumberrence on y<sup>e</sup> highway adjoining to Simeon Dickinsons Land

Vo<sup>t</sup><sup>d</sup> That Esq Chauncy Peter Smith and Solomon Boltwood be the Committe

Vo<sup>t</sup><sup>d</sup> To Adjurn this meting to Munday y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> of May Currant at y<sup>e</sup> Meting hous at fore of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon

On Monday the 23<sup>d</sup> of May 1768 the Inheabitants of y<sup>e</sup> District of Amherst met by adjurnment at y<sup>e</sup> Meting hous at Fore of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon

Amherst meting May 23<sup>d</sup> 1768

Voted To Take of the Sequestration from a Sartain peas of town high-way Cut & bownded as follows viz Beginning at a black oake Staddle markt at about thirty seven rods East (as the line of y<sup>e</sup> lots run) of Simeon Dickinsons South East Corner thence running East upon the line of Simeon Dickinsons lot twenty three rods, thence South seven rods to a Stake thence westwardley twenty three rods to a stake Thence North Eleven rods to the former markt Black oake Steadle

Vo<sup>t</sup><sup>d</sup> That the above bounded lot of land be granted to Preserved Clapp in fee he Paying or giving good security for the Sum of Six Pound

Test

MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Meting of y<sup>e</sup> District of Amherst at the school hous on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Day of January AD 1769 at nine of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> Morning after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator Come Into the following Votes viz

Voted To Allow John Nash jun<sup>r</sup> his Bill for Money Expended for advice in y<sup>e</sup> affare of y<sup>e</sup> Highway on his lot viz fifteen Shillings

Vo<sup>t</sup><sup>d</sup> To adjurn this Meting for the Space of one hour and to meet at this place——the Inheabitants being met after s<sup>d</sup> space

Vo<sup>t</sup><sup>d</sup> To Chuse a Committe to agre with M<sup>rs</sup> Nashes about the Damage dun them by a highway laid out through their land

Vo<sup>t</sup><sup>d</sup> To Chuse five men for a Committe for ye Purpus above

Vo<sup>t</sup><sup>d</sup> To that Josiah Chauncy Esq Peter Smith Alex<sup>nd</sup> Smith Ins. John Field and Moses Dickinson be the Committe



Vot.<sup>d</sup> that if the Committe Cannot agree with M<sup>rs</sup> Nashes they Shall Nominate three men out of town to agree with the s,<sup>d</sup> Nashes—and their judgment to be Disciscive

Vot.<sup>d</sup> That Josiah Chauncy Esq Ins John Field Daniel Kellogg be a Committe to settle the line between our Destrict and the Equevolent land

Vot.<sup>d</sup> To Chuse a Committe to Exzeamin the bridge Near Mearicks and if wanted to build a new one

Vot.<sup>d</sup> That Solomon Boltwood John Nash jun<sup>r</sup> and John Billings be a Committe for the Purpus above

Vot.<sup>d</sup> To Rebulde or repear that Bridge Near Nathan Dickinson jun<sup>r</sup> as a Committe shall think best

Vot.<sup>d</sup> That Peter Smith Daniel Kellogg Noah Dickinson be a Committe for the Purpus above

Vot.<sup>d</sup> That Simeon Strong Esq Josiah Chaun[cy] Esq Moses Dickinson be a Committe to ascertain the Bounds of the Town Ways in this District and to Erect Sufficient Boundaries Whereby Such Ways may be Clearly Known for the future and to Prosecute Such Persons as have Made Incroachments Thereon Except in Such Cases Wherein they Shall think Expedient to Delay Prosecution in order for the Person to Appley to the Town for Discontinuance

Vot.<sup>d</sup> To Pay the Bills as they have bin Red & Consider<sup>d</sup>

Vot.<sup>d</sup> That the Assesors Shall be impowered to rais the money that the Committe shall allow to the Nashes and for y<sup>e</sup> Highway acros their Land

Vot.<sup>d</sup> To rais twenty seaven pound ten Shillings for Schooling

Vot.<sup>d</sup> To allow Mr Parsons ninty three pound six and eigh Pence for his sallery and assesors impower<sup>d</sup> to rais the same.

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

At a Legal Meting of the Inheabitants of the Destrict of Amherst on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1769 at the Meting Hous at Nine of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> Morning After Josiah Chauncy Esq Was Chosen Moderator Came Into the following Votes

Vot.<sup>d</sup> Seth Coleman Clerk

Vot.<sup>d</sup> Simeon Strong Esq Treasurer

Vot.<sup>d</sup> Simeon Strong, Joseph Eastman, Moses Dickinson, Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman, Jonathan Dickinson, Selectmen

Vot.<sup>d</sup> to Adjurn this meeting for the space of one Hour and then to Meat at the School House Near Hartling Stake—

the Inheabitants being met at time & place Voted as follows (viz)

Vot.<sup>d</sup> Joseph Eastman, Moses Dickinson Simeon Strong Assesors

Vot.<sup>d</sup> Simeon Pomeroy Ebenezer Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Constables

Vot.<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Coles, Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman Fens Vewers

Vot.<sup>d</sup> Joel Moody, John Nash jun<sup>r</sup> Isaac Goodale Teithingmen

Vot.<sup>d</sup> Henery Jonson Frankling, Thomas Hastings jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Coles jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Eastman jun<sup>r</sup> Gideon Dickinson jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Baskcum Hogreeves

Vot.<sup>d</sup> that Hogs Shall run sum Part of the year hampered according to law

Vot.<sup>d</sup> that Hogs shall run well rung and Yok<sup>d</sup> from y<sup>e</sup> first of May to the Midle of August Next

Vot.<sup>d</sup> Nathaniel Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Moses Cooch Dear Reeves

Vot.<sup>d</sup> Lev<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson, Alex<sup>nd</sup> Smith Elijah Baker Samuel Ingram, Daniel Kellogg, Peter Smith Surveyers of Highways

Vot<sup>d</sup> to do the Highway worke this year by the Pole



Vot<sup>d</sup> Joseph Church Surveyer of Lumber

Vot<sup>d</sup> Isaac Goodale Sealer of Leather

Vot<sup>d</sup> Ebezer Mattoon Eli Parker Jonathan Coles Vordens

Vot<sup>d</sup> To Chuse a Committe to Inspect the ways from the west Street to the East from the Highway by Jonathan Coles Lot to the Sawmil that was formerly Joseph Clareys & see Where is the best place for a Heighway to be laid

Vot<sup>d</sup> Peter Smith Dec<sup>n</sup> Jonathan Edwards, John Billings, be a Committe for the Purpus above, and to Make reporte to the Select Men

Test JOSIOH CHAUNCY Moderator

Seal Hampehire ss. To the Constables of the District of Amherst or Either of [them] Greeting—

You are hereby requir<sup>d</sup> in his majestys Name forthwith to warn the Inhabitants of the s<sup>d</sup> District that are Legally Quallified to Vote in town Metings that they assemble at the Meeting Hous in S<sup>d</sup> District on Monday the twenty third Day of october Currant at one of the Clock afternoon then and there after Moderator Chosen to Consider of and Act on the following things (viz 1<sup>st</sup> To Hear the Report of the Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen in March Last [to] Ascertain the bounds of the town ways in said Distrect 2<sup>d</sup> To Give said Com<sup>tee</sup> what farther Instructions they may think Proper respecting Clearing said Ways and prosecuting such as have made Incrochments thereon

3<sup>d</sup> To Hear the application of such as may apply to the Distrect to have any part of said Ways Discontinued and act and Determin thereon

4<sup>th</sup> To Give Such Instructions as they shall think proper to the Select Men for Laying out or altering town Ways

5<sup>th</sup> To Determin What Methods shall be us<sup>d</sup> for obtaining or securing any Debts due to the Distrect

6<sup>th</sup> To Determin Whether the Distrect will allow fore month Schooling in the North Part

Hereof fail not and Make due Return hereof with your Doing herein to us or Some one of us at or before the time herein before Appointed for opening & holding said Meting Dated at amherst the Sixth Day of October in y<sup>e</sup> Ninth year of his Majestys Rēign A. D. 1769

SIMEON STRONG }  
JON<sup>th</sup> DICKINSON } Select men  
MOSES DICKINSON }

Return of the Constables Indors<sup>d</sup> thus viz the Directions of this Warrant has bin attended by us

SIMEON POMEROY }  
EBENEZER DICKINSON } Constables

Att a Legal Meting of the Distrect of Amherst at y<sup>e</sup> Meeting Hous on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> of October A D 1769 at one of the Clock afternoon After Choice of Josiah Chauncy Esq Moderator Came into y<sup>e</sup> following Votes Viz Voted To adjurn to the School hous by ye Hartling Stake

Voted To Allow the North and South Schools their Proportionable Part of Money for Schooling with the Middle Schools

Voted That Simeon Strong Esq Treasurer of y<sup>e</sup> District be Impower<sup>d</sup> & Directed to Serve the Debts Due from John Keet to the District Either by Taking Land Security or otherwise at his Discretion

Voted That the Committe Chosen to Clear of Incumberences from the town



highway shall postpone the Prosecution of those Persons that have made incroachment till y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day of October A. D. 1770

Voted To Adjourn this Meting to the first of November Next at this Place at Nine of the Clock in the morning

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst holden by Adjurnment on the first Day of November being Monday at nine o'Clock in the Forenoon

The Comtee Chosen in March last for Assertaining and Clearing of Incumbrances from the town Ways, And afterwards at this Meeting begin and Holden on the twenty third Day of October Laist, Instructed to hear the Applications of Such as desir<sup>d</sup> or should Desire any Part of Said Ways Discontinued for their own Perticular Accomodation and to make their Report to this Meeting Now Holden by Adjournment; heaving according to their said Instructions heard and Carefully Consider<sup>d</sup> the Several Applications to them made and the Reasons Pleas & Alligations of the Several Parties thereon do Now accordingly Make their Reporte as follows viz

The Following Petitions and Reports were Each Seperately Voted according as follows viz

Voted Upon the Petitions of Daniel Kellogg according to the Comtees Reports that the after described Piece of Land adjoining to the front of his Lot be discontinued from being of the town Way (viz) Beginning at the South East Corner of His Lot and thence running Easterly in the Line of his Lot Continued Six Rods from the said Corner thence Northerly to a Station one rod Easterly of and Directly against the Southerly Side of his Hous Then Still Northerly leaving the Breadth of one Rod against Said House to the North East Corner of S<sup>d</sup> House thence Northerly to the Stone Wall Which begins at the North East Corner of his Corn house thence Northerly by the Said Wall to the End of the same, and thence Northerly to fall in with the Line of the way at the Distance of Six Rods from the North End of Said Wall—

The above Piece is to be understood to Include within it all Former Discontinuances at the Front of the same lot Said Peace Containing Sixty Rods and that he pay therefor the Sum of Thirty Shilling

Voted Upon the Petition of Nathan Dickinson, according to the Comtees reporte that the after Decscrib<sup>d</sup> Part of town way at the Front of his Lot be Discontinued (viz) Beginning at a station one rod north of the North West Corner of his Barn and three rods West of the Line of the townway thence a Line North to fall in with the Line of the way at the Distance of Ten Rods and Running from Said Station South one rod Westerly of his Dwelling Hous till the Line Comes Against the South West Corner thereof then turning Easterly to fall in with the Line of the way at the Distance of twelve Rods the Same Containing Ninety two Rods of Land: and that he Pay therefor the sum of forty six shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Gideon Dickinson for Discontinuing a part of the Way at the Front of his Lot in the third Division Where Moses Hawley Now Dwells: according to the Comtees Report that the following Piece be Discontinued (viz)

Beginning at a Birch Stake a Rod Westerly of the South Side of the Lot thence to the west Side of a Small apple Tree Marked and Standing between the House & the Travelled Road thence to a Station half a rod West of the Northwest Corner of the Barn thence Northerly twenty three rods to fall in with the Line of the way, the Same Piece Containing one Hundred & fore Rods and that he pay therefor the Sum of forty four Shillings





Voted Upon the Petition of Ebenezar Mattoon, according to the Comtees report that all that part of the Way which Lies within his fence at his front from the South Side of his Lot that he Lives on to his barn and within on Easterly of the Line of Said fence Continued to the North Side of the Lot be Discontinued and the Comtee being fully Satisfied that Said Land has been once Purchased & paid for to the town of Hadley while the Land belong<sup>d</sup> there, Report that no Farther Recompence be made therefor

Voted Upon the Petition of Solomon Boltwood, according to the Comtees Report, that All that Part of the way lying between his Dwelling Hous & his hous on the hill lately owned by his brother William Boltwood that is to say all that lies within the grant made to His Father by Hadley Committe between Said houses be Discontinued—and that he make no Recompence therefor having Proved to y<sup>e</sup> Comtee that the Same has been paid for to y<sup>e</sup> town of Hadley—

Voted Upon the Petition of Moses Warner, according to the Comtee Report to Discontinue the following Part of the way at the Front of his Lot (viz) Beginning one Rod north of his House and Door Yard two Rods wide from the Line & Continuing the same Breadth Southerly to the South Side of his garden thence to a Point at the South Side of his Lot the same Containing fifty four Rods, and that he pay therefor the Sum of forty Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of John Nash According to the Comtee Report for Discontinuing the after Discribed Part of the way at the front of his Lot (viz) Begining at a Stake Erected by the Comtee at y<sup>e</sup> North West Corner of Said Lot as it is Now Inclosed, thence Runing a Strait Line [to] a White Oake Tree about three Rods South of his Barn; the same Peice Containing twenty four Rods of Ground and that he paid therefor the Sum of Fifteen Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Elisha Ingram, and John Billings, and for Straitning as much as may be the Line of the Way on that Side according to the Comtee Report, that the Line of the Way from the South East Corner of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr David Parsonss Garden run Southward as his Fence now Stands to a Stake Erected by the Comtee thence Running to a Station west of Said Fence and one rod East of High black Oak Stump or Tree Mark.<sup>d</sup> H. W. thence to a Stake about three Rods Southward in the same line thence to a Stake Standing ten feet East of Ingrams Ditch thence to the West End of Said Ingrams Shop thence running to a Station four Feet East of an apple Tree Marked in John Billings Lot and thence falling in with the Line of the Way at the North East Corner of Said Billings Shop and that all that Part of the townway which now lies on the west side of said Line be Discontinued, and Also the Land on Which Said Ingrams Shop stands and that said Ingram pay for his part of Said Lands being Sixteen Rods the Sum of ten Shillings and that Said Billings pay for his part of Said Lands being twenty five Rods the sum of fourteen Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Josiah Moody According to the Comtees Opinion that whereas the Accomodating of Eli Parker with Lands about his Dwelling hous according to the Instructions of the town will much Deform & Damnify the Front of Said Moodeys Lot Lying on the North Side of Said Parkers and also make the Line of the way in Said place veary Crooked and Inconvenient unless they provide therefor in bringing forward the Line against Said Moodeys Lot they therefore Reporte that the Line of the Way in that place be as follows viz

Beginning at a stake standing in the midle of a grate Hollow Oak Stub thence Runing Southerly to a Stake and Stones Erected by the Comtee at the North End



of a Little Knoll thence a Line Directly to the North West Corner of Eli Parkers Hous and that all the Land within the Said Lines Adjoining to Said Moodeys Lot be Discontinued until it Comes to the Distance of one rod of Said Parkers House and no Farther the same being Ninety Rods of Ground and that he pay therefor the Sum of thirty Shillings—

Voted Upon the petition of Eli Parker according to the Comtees Report for the Discontinuing of the after Discribed Part of the way at y<sup>e</sup> Front of his Lot (viz) Whereon his Dwelling Hous stands and one Rod at the North End thereof the whole Breadth of y<sup>e</sup> House & Extending ten feet Eastward: Also Ten Feet before Said Hous Eastward the whole Length thereof also the whole Tract Contained in the Following Description (viz) Beginning about Seven Rods Easterly from the South East Corner of His Lot at a bunch of Staddels (viz) four Maples and one Elm Standing Close together all Marked by the Comtee thence a Straight Line to the South East Corner of his Dwelling Hous and Extending one Rod North of the Lane—the Same Piece Containing the Quantity of two Acres & ten Rods and that he pay therefor—the sum of Six Pounds

Voted Upon the Petition of James Merrick and Timothy Green According to the Comtee report that the Line of the way Against the front of their Lots be as follows (viz) From the Line of the way at or against the North side of said Mericks Lot to Run Southerly by said Mericks Dwelling Hous So as to leave one rod before or Eastward of Said House then Continuing Southward to a Stake Against the South Line of his Lot one Rod & half Est from the Line of the way and thence Running a Strait Line So as to leave one Rod before and Eastward of the said Greens Dwelling Hous thence running So as to fall in with the Line of the way at a White Oak Staddle Marked about fourteen Rods southward of Said Hous; and that all the present way lying between Said Line & the Lots be Discontinued and that Said Merrick pay for his part there of being ninety Eaight Rod the Sum of thirty Shillings and that Said green pay for his Part thereof being Sixty four Rods the sum of twenty two Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Aaron Warner for Discontinuance of Part of the way against the front of his Lot in the south part of the Distrect. & the Comtee Reporte that the after Described part thereof be Discontinued (viz) One Rod before or Westward of his Hous the hole Length thereof thence Running North-erly to a point at the north Side of his Lot and Sutherly to a point at the South Side of his Lot, the Same Containing seventy five Rods, and that he pay therefor the Sum of twenty Eight Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Lemeul Moody according to the Comtee Report that there be Discontinued one Rod before & East of his Dwelling Hous the hole Length thereof & to be a Line Running thence Northerly to the North Side of his Lot & Southerly to a point at the South Side of his Lot the Same Containing fifty two rods, and that he pay therefor Nineteen Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Simeon Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> and the Comtee Report that that part of the way within his garden Fence be Discontinued, and also one Rod in Breadth at the west Side of his Barn Yard: thence Running East so as to Come to the Breadth of two Rods at the Kings Highway Containing twenty Rods & that he pay therefor the Sum of thirteen shillings

Voted Upon the Petition of W<sup>m</sup> Boltwood according to the Comtee report that there be Discontinued from the way Adjoining to the Front of his Lot two Rods in Breadth from the South Side of his Lot Extending Northward to the



North End of his Barn thence to run to a point at the North Side of his Lot the Same Containing sixty fore rods and that he pay therefor the Sum of thirty Nine Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Joseph Eastman according to the Comtee report that all the way be Discontinued within his Wall at the west End of his Lot Containing ten rods and that he pay therefor five Shillings

The Comtee further Reporte that they have heard and Consider<sup>d</sup> the Petition of Divers other Persons for Discontinuing part of the Ways for their Accommodation (viz) of Dec<sup>n</sup> Simeon Clark Dr Nathel Smith, Thomas Bascomb John Morton Abner Lee, Benjamin Rhodes and are of opinion that they Cannot Report in favor of their Petitions Consistent with their Instructions from the town

Voted that upon the application of Jonathan Dickinson the way be Discontinued adjoining to his lot South of Daniel Kelloggs Lot, as follows (viz) begining at the South East Corner of the Land now Discontinued from Daniel Kellogg and thence running to a point southerly the Distance of ten Rods—and that he pay therefor Seven shillings & Six Pence— (See Page 65 the Book for D. Kellogg.)

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

N. B. see Page 9<sup>th</sup> Ledge 2<sup>d</sup> for Confination &c

The Following is a Record of the surveying of the Town Highways in Amherst April 27<sup>th</sup> A D 1769 Which is as follows (viz)

Amherst April 27<sup>th</sup>: 1769

Then Began to survey the town Roads in S<sup>d</sup> Amherst in order to ascertain the Lines & boundaries thereof and find them as follows (viz) 3<sup>d</sup> Road—We began at a Large Red Oake Tree which Stands at the South East Corner of Moses Smiths Lot, from thence we run North 11 degrees East 363 rods to y<sup>e</sup> North East Corner of Capt Moses Cooks Ditch then North: 9 degrees East 100 rods to [Marshes?] South East Corner Ditch then North 9 degrees East 134 rods to Mashers North East Corner Ditch on the bank of which stands a Large white Oake Tree then North 7 deg 30 min East 189 rods, to a white oak Tree stands on the South Bank of Fort River Near to the Bridg Mark,<sup>d</sup> H W then North 13 deg 30 min East to a stake and Stones the North East Corner of Lev<sup>t</sup> William Boltwood's Lot from thence North 16 deg 30 min East 460 rods to a white oake Tree De<sup>n</sup> Dickinsons South East Corner, then North 14 deg 30 min East to y<sup>e</sup> End of the Division N. B. we frequently Measur<sup>d</sup> across to the East Side of the Road setting up stakes and setting thereon the Letters H: W:

2<sup>d</sup> Road We began at a Red oak Tree the South Side of Mill river by the side of the Dugway on the North Side of the Hill from thence we run South 19 deg 30 min west 123 rods to pine tree Mark H. W. then we turned at right angles and run westerly 10 rods to the middle of the road to a Chestnut Tree Markt H.W. Standing in the Middle of S<sup>d</sup> road against Mr Eastmans Stone wall, Setting up Stakes on Each Side of the road, then South 13 deg 30 min west 115 rods to a Chestnut Stump, then South 42 Rods to a Large white Oake Stump, then South 10 deg west 92 rods to a Swamp white Oak Stump by a pond hole Standing by y<sup>e</sup> Fence on y<sup>e</sup> front of the Lot Lately own<sup>d</sup> by Josiah Chauncy Esq, then South 16 deg 30 min west 34 rods to a Stake and Stones in Simeon Strong Esq Lot, then South 36 deg 30 min west 38 rods to a Stake in the Middle of the road. Measuring off 10 rods Each way and Setting up a Stake, from y<sup>e</sup> Last mentioned Station in the middle of y<sup>e</sup> road, we run to the front of Isaac Goodales Lot to a Stake & Stones, near to the north East Corner of S<sup>d</sup> Lot from thence to Hartling Stake y<sup>e</sup>



North East Corner of Mr Persons's Land, and from thence to a Stake and Stones the North-East Corner of Mr Persons's original Lot, then south 30 min East 33 Rods to Mr Persons's Horseblock y<sup>e</sup> Same Course Continued 2 rods further to a S[t]ake & Stones, from thence South 18 deg West 49 Rods to a Black Oake tree or Stump Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. from thence to Elisha Ingrahams North-East Corner Ditch from thence to the South-East Corner of Nathan Moody's original Lot. From thence South 4 deg 30 min west 160 rods to Large white Oak Stump standing on the Descending ground North of Mr Parkers Hous then 10 deg 30 min west 20 Rods to a Stake and Stones from thence South 10 deg West 86 Rods to a White Oak Tree Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. Standing on the South Side of a Narrow, Valley, and from s.<sup>d</sup> White Oak, South 9 deg West to apine refer,<sup>d</sup> to in the Reckord of S<sup>d</sup> Road a Small White Oak Staddle Standing by it Mark<sup>d</sup> H. W. about 20 or 25 rods South of Mr Greens Hous, then South 15 deg 30. west 76 rods to a Pine Stump supposed to be refer,<sup>d</sup> to (by a pine tree) in the record where we Set a White Oak Stake Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. Then South 27 deg 30 min west 63 rods where it Strikes the front of Lev<sup>t</sup> John Dickinsons Original Farm Where we set a pine Stake Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. Standing in the Ditch y<sup>e</sup> East Side of the path, & from thence South 15 deg 30 min West to the South East Corner of Samuel Churches Lot where we came to a Ditch in which we set a pine Stake Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W.

8<sup>th</sup> Road Laying Between Lev<sup>t</sup> Dickinsons and Ebenezar Williams Land We began at the South East Corner of s<sup>d</sup> Williams's Lot from thence we Run West 7 deg North to the End of the Division Marking Several Trees In the Corse with the Letters H. W. & Measuring across S.<sup>d</sup> road frequently and setting up Stakes

7<sup>th</sup> Road Laying Between Capt Moses Cook and Nath.<sup>l</sup> Coleman we Began at S.<sup>d</sup> Colemans South-East Corner and Run Southerly on the west line of the Streat 20 Rods to a Black Oak Stump, from thence we run Westerly to the west End of the Division to the Stump of the pine Tree mentioned in the Original Record—N. B. the 20 rods first mentioned takes in about one third part of Edward Smiths House

6<sup>th</sup> Road Laying between De<sup>n</sup> Clark. & Solomon Boltwood, we began at a Stake about Six rods North of said Clarks North-West Corner, from thence we Run 9 deg 30 min North 100 rods to a Stake Standing in De<sup>n</sup> Clarks Inclosure on the side Hill West of his Hous. then East 29 deg 30 min North 72 Rods within about one rod South of the South Door of Solomon Boltwoods Eastermost Hous. from thence East 9 deg 30 min North to the Kings Heighway which runs Northerly to Sunderland the width of S.<sup>d</sup> road being often Measured and Stakes Set upon both sides Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W.

5<sup>th</sup> Road Lays Between Jonathan Dickinson & Moses Warner, beginning 3 Rods West of S.<sup>d</sup> Warners North-west Corner & 2 1-2 North of S.<sup>d</sup> Corner Measured North 10 deg 30 min East 20 rods to a Stake the width of the road, & from thence it runs East 10 deg 30 min South 139 rods to a White Oak Staddle by s.<sup>d</sup> Dickinsons Fence Mark<sup>d</sup> H. W. then East 16 deg 30 min South to y<sup>e</sup> East Street to a Stake Mark<sup>d</sup> H: W: N: B: this Road is 16 roads wide at the East End, and the South Side of it as follows (viz) Begining at the End of the three rods mentioned first in this return & run East 8 deg South 35 rods to a Stake Mark<sup>d</sup> H: W then North 10 deg 30 min East 3 rods to a Stake Mark,<sup>d</sup> H: W: then North 10 deg 30 min East 4 rods to a Stake Mark,<sup>d</sup> H: W: then East 16 deg 30 min South untill it intersects the North Line of his Land & then to the North-East Corner of his Land





4<sup>th</sup> Road Lays Between De<sup>n</sup> Dickinson.s Land [and] Mr Townsends. We began at a heap of Stones the North-West Corner of S<sup>d</sup> Townsends Lot which is a Little South of his North fence, & run East 15 deg 30 min South 12 rods to a heap of Stones then East 32 deg 30 min North 16 rods to a Stake & Stones then 15 deg 30 min South 44 1-2 rods, to a Stake & Stones then East 22 deg 30 min South 50 rods to a Stake and Stones then East 13 deg 30 min South to a Large White Oak Stump with a Stake Set in it Mark<sup>d</sup> H: W: then East 16 deg 30 min South to a Stake & Stones where it straike the West Side of the East Street Number Three

The Above Roads Survey,<sup>d</sup>

PR EBENEZAR CHILES

The Road South of Mr Natha<sup>l</sup> Colemans Lot & adjoining thereto we run the South Line the[re]of Taking the Cours agreeable to the Record thereof only allowing 30 min which we found was the veariation between y<sup>e</sup> Compasses we found none of the trees or boundaries mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> record of S<sup>d</sup> road Mr Coleman Being Desirous y<sup>e</sup> Comtee would go again upon the road being Determined he Could Shew them the Boundaries thereof the Comtee Consented and went upon y<sup>e</sup> Spot and setting y<sup>e</sup> Compass at y<sup>e</sup> South East Coraer of y<sup>e</sup> road Mr Coleman Shew us a Mark<sup>d</sup> Tree, which was from said Corner west 3 deg North, then we went to said Tree which Mr Coleman Shew us and he went forward to a nother to which we took y<sup>e</sup> Cours which was west 5 deg North agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> reckord then we Continued ye Same Corse Sum way further where we found a Large red Oak Tree Mark<sup>d</sup> H: W: abot one rod and one third part of a rod South of us, then we run the Same Corse to ye End of the road and Were Six paces North of a pine Mark<sup>d</sup> H: W:

EBENEZAR CHILES Surveyer

The above is a True Coppey of the original

Test

SETH COLEMAN Clerk

Seel Hampshire ss Amherst To the Constables of the District of Amherst or Either of them Greeting—

In his Majesties Name you are required forthwith to Notify and warn all the Inheabitants of S<sup>d</sup> District that are Legally Qualified to Vote in town Metings that they assemble together at the School hous near the Dwelling Hous of Moses Warner in said Amherst on Monday the first Day of January next at nine of the Clock in the Forenoon then and theire after Moderator Chosen to Consider of and act upon the follywing Matters (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To Make Grant of Monies to Such Persons to Whom the District is Indebted

2<sup>d</sup> To graint Money to Defray the Charges of Schooling

3<sup>d</sup> To Impower the Assessors to Make an Assessment on the Inheabitan[ts] to rais the Monies Granted

4<sup>th</sup> To Make Grants of Such Lands to persons requesting the Same as Shall be thought proper

5<sup>th</sup> To Consider whether the District will Dispose of the way south of Nath<sup>l</sup> Colemans Lot & purchase a way further south where it may better accommodate the Inheabitants

6<sup>th</sup> To Consider whether the District will be at any Expençe for repairing the new Road Laying South of John Nashes Lot

7<sup>th</sup> To Choose an Agent to appear for the District at the Court of General



Sessions of the Peace to answer to any Presentment that may be lying against them

Hereof fail not and Make due Retur[n] hereof with your Doings herein at or before the time herein before Appointed for the Opening and holding Said Meeting to us or Sum one of us—Dated at Amherst aforesaid the thirteenth Day of December in the tenth year of his Majestys Reign A. D. 1769—

SIMEON STRONG }  
JOSEPH EASTMAN } Select Men  
MOSES DICKINSON }

Return of the Constable Indors,<sup>d</sup> thus The Directions of this Warrant has bin attended by me Simeon Pomeroy Constable

Att a Legal Meting of the District of Amherst on Monday the first Day of January 1770 at Nine of the Clock in the Morning at the School hous by the Hartling Stake after the Choice of Josiah Chauncy Esq Moderator Came into the following Votes (viz)

Voted To adjurne for the space of one hour and to meet at this place the Inheabitants being met at s,<sup>d</sup> time & place—

Voted That the Bills as they have bin red and Considered Should be allow,<sup>d</sup>

Voted that Simeon Strong Esq be an agent at the Court of general sessions of the Peace to answer to any Presentment that may [be] Lying against the Distrect

Voted That the Several tracts of Land discontinued from ye town ways at the Request of Sundry Petitioners at the Last Meeting be granted to Each Petitioner respectively on Conditions of his paying or giving good Security to the Treasurer for the sum at which Said Tracts were respectively appraised as Appears by the Report of the Comtee in the Record of S,<sup>d</sup> Meting by the first Day of may Next

Voted that Assessors raise twenty nine pound Six Shilling for Schooling the Present year

Voted that the Assesors rais ninety three pound Six and Eaight pence for the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Persons.s Sallery

Voted that the Assesors be Impower,<sup>d</sup> to rais the Several Sums of money as they have bin Voted and that they be impower,<sup>d</sup> to pay the Same where they are due &c

Voted that the Selectmen Inspect the Heighway adjoining south of Nath<sup>l</sup> Colemans Lot and See for what it may be sold and also where they Can find the most advantagous place to accomodate the publick with a rode Still farther South and how it Can be obtained and Lay out the Heighway or omit it as they shall think best and make return to March Meting

Hampshire ss Amherst To the Constable of the Said District of Amherst or Either of them Greeting

In his Majesties Name You are Commanded To Notify and Warn the Inhabitants of Amherst that are Legally quallified to Vote in Town Meetings that assemble together at the Meeting hous there on Monday the fifth Day of March next at Nine o Clock in the Forenoon then and there (after Moderator Chosen) to Consider Determin and act upon the Several Matters following

(viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To Choose officers for the Ensuing Year

2<sup>nd</sup> To accept and Establish Several Alterations made by the Select Men in the Town Ways (viz) one against the East End of Deacon Jon<sup>th</sup> Edwards.s Lot; another against the Side of Gideon Dickinsons Lot & Joseph Dickinsons Lot; another against the North Side of Joseph Churches Lot—



3<sup>dly</sup> To accept of and Establish a Town Way Laid by the Select men Leading from the townway North of Elijah Bakers Lot to C[r]oss the Mill River near Clareys Mill: and another way from said Clarys Mill to Meet with the same—and Also a Private way for the use of Pelatiah Smith Jun<sup>r</sup> Laid from his Lot on the East Side of Fort River Southerly to the Town Way and Bounding Westerly on Said River

4<sup>thly</sup> To Determin Whether the ways shall be repaired by Poll or by Rate the ensewing Year—

5<sup>thly</sup> To Discontinue the town Way South of & adjoining to the Lot of Nathaniel Colemans

6<sup>ly</sup> To grant all the Lands Contained in Said Way to Said Nathaniel Coleman; and Impower a Comtee in behalf of the District to Execute to Said Coleman and his Heirs a Dead thereof With Covenant for quiet Enjoyment

7<sup>thly</sup> To accept of a Deed from Said Nathaniel Coleman of a Piece of Land in Amherst which Said Coleman Lately bought of Elisha Cook which was Lately the South Side of Said Cooks Lot in the Middle Division being Ten Rods In Breadth & Running through Said Division—

8<sup>thly</sup> To Make a Grant or Leas[of] the Same or of the wood & Timber thereon Standing or being to Such Person, or Persons, and for Such Term of time, and on Such Conditions as Shall be thought proper—

9<sup>thly</sup> To agree upon what Method may be thought proper To preserve the Boundaries of the town Ways

10<sup>thly</sup> To Hear the Report of the Comtee heretofore appointed To Estimate the Damage done to Leut. William Boltwood by Laying a Way on the North Side of his Lot and act thereon and Give him So Much Land as shall be thought proper—

11<sup>thly</sup> To appoint a Comtee to Layout and ascertain the Bonds of the Burying Yard

12<sup>thly</sup> To Discontinue So Much of the Town Way north of Landlord Moses Warners Lot as shall be agreed on, and Grant the Same to Mr Jonathan Dickinson for a Recompence for Land Taken out of his Lot by the Kings Heighway

13<sup>thly</sup> To Release Nehemiah Dickinson Constable from being accountable for the Rates of Joseph-Gould & Noah Gould

14<sup>ly</sup> To See if the District will be at any Expence to repair the town Way South of John Nashes Lot.

Hereof fail not and make true return of this Warrant with your Doings herein at or before the Time herein appointed for opening and holding said Meeting to us or sum one of us—Dated at Amherst the Ninth Day of January in the tenth year of his Majesty,s Reign A. D. 1770

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| SIMEON STRONG               | } Select Men |
| JON <sup>TH</sup> DICKINSON |              |
| NATH <sup>LL</sup> COLEMAN  |              |
| MOSES DICKINSON             |              |

Return of the Constable Indoes,<sup>d</sup> thus (viz) The Directions of this Warrant has bin attended by Me Simeon Pomeroy a Constable Att a Legal Meting of the Inhebitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meting hous there on Monday the fifth Day of March A: D: 1770—

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Moderator

Voted Seth Coleman Clerk

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Treasurer



Voted Lev<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson Solomon Boltwood De<sup>n</sup> Jonathan Edwards Josiah Chauncy Esq and Gideon Dickinson Selectmen

Voted Lev<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson De<sup>n</sup> Jonathan Edwards Josiah Chauncy Esq Assessors

Voted To Adjurn this Meeting for the Spaice of one hour and then to meet at the School Hous by the Hartling Stake

After said Inheabitants were met on Adjurnment at said time and place

Voted Nathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> and David Smith Constables

Voted Joseph Church Hezekiah Belding Jonathan Moody Jun<sup>r</sup> Timothy Green Moses Cook Surveyers of Heighways—

Voted Joseph Church Oliver Cowles Noah Smith Joel Billings Tithingmen

Voted Gideon Dickinson Moses Dickinson De<sup>n</sup> Simeon Clark fence Viewers

Voted Isaac Goodale Sealer of Leather

Voted Jonathan Nash Jun<sup>r</sup> John Field Jun<sup>r</sup> Barnabas Edee Enos Dickinson Hog Reeves

Voted Joel Moody Joseph Dickinson Dear Reeves

Voted Joseph Church Surveyer of Lumber

Voted E[b]enezar Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Edward Smith Martain Smith Joseph Williams Wardens

Voted To accept of the Report of the Select Men for the alteration of Several Town Ways (viz) at the west End of De<sup>n</sup> Jonathan Edwards,s Lot—one other Laying south of Gideon Dickinsons Lot—An nother in the way Laying South of Jonathan Cows Lot—and also of a Privite way Laid South of Peletian Smiths Lot adjoining to forte river

The Reporte of the Select Men for the Alteration of said ways is as follows (viz)

Att the Annual Meeting of the Inheabitants of Amherst holden there on the fifth Day of March A D 1770 The Select Men of said Amherst make Reporte to this Meeting of the following Alterations made in Town Ways which they Desire to be accepted and Established by the District one alteration at the west End of De<sup>n</sup> Jonathan Edwards the Select men finding it necessary in that place to make the Town Way Wider, to avoid the Soft and Miry Ground through which it was originally Laid; have accordingly made the following addition thereto on the East Side thereof (viz) Beginning at a Stake Mark,<sup>d</sup> Standing in a Hollow Stump at the South End of a Little Pond which is on the East Side of the Travilled Road against the Said Edwards' Lot thence Running South Seven Degrees West twenty two Rods to a Small White Oak Staddle East of the Path & against the Same Lot, thence South twenty three Degrees West, running till it falls in with the Line of the town Way—One other Alteration in the way lying South of Gideon Dickinsons Lot the Said Select Men finding it Necessary to make an Addition to the bredth of the Said Way to avoid the Miry Gutter between Said Dickinsons & M<sup>r</sup> Townsends Lot, have accordingly made the following addition thereto (viz)—

Beginning at a Small White Oak Staddle Markt with Stones about it on the Side Hill on the North Side of the Path and about twenty rods Westward of the West Side of said Gideon Dickinsons Lot, thence Running East ten Degrees North twenty three Rods to a Stump Standing North of & Close to the Path in the Middle of the gutter thence East Seventeen Degrees South twenty Seven rods to a Stake marked with Stones about it on the Top of the Hill, thence East twenty five Degrees South to the Line of the way—the Lands South of the above mentioned Lines, being now added to the Way & Said Lines for the future to be the North Side of the Way—





Another Alteration, in the Way lying on the South Side of Jonathan Cows Lot; the Said Select men have made an Addition to the Breadth of the Road at the Bridge, in the following Manner (viz) Beginning at a Heap of Stones one Rod & half South of a Great white Oak Tree Mark,<sup>a</sup> Standing three or four rods East of the Bridge thence running west ten Degrees South to the Line of the way, & from Said Heap of Stones East thirty Seven Degrees North to fall in with the Line of the Way—the before described Line for the future to be the South Side of the Way at Said Place—

And the Said Select Men further reporte of a private Way Laid out by them on the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of January Laist at the Request of Peletiah Smith Jun<sup>r</sup> on the East Side of Fort River near said Smiths Dwelling Hous in order to accommodate him for traveling from his Lot thence to the town way; Which Private way is described and bounded as follows (viz) It Begins at the south side of Said Peletiah Smiths Lot and on the East Side of Fort River and thence running Southerly to the town way, The River being the bounds on Said Private way on the Westerly Side, and being bounded & Limited on the Eastly Side by a black Oak Staddle near the South Side of Said Smiths Lot & three Stakes Southerly of Said Tree Erected by us, the Line described by Said Tree and Stakes being the Easterly Line of said way which is about Eaight Rods in Breadth, and Laid so Wide on account of the uneven Ground next to the River; and Becaus the said private Way is only for the use & Benefit of Said Smith, and not of Publick use to the District we further Report that Said Peletiah Smith ought to pay to Aaron Matthews for his Damage occasioned thereby the sum of twenty four shillings—

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| SIMEON STRONG      | } Select Men |
| JONATHAN DICKINSON |              |
| NATH'L COLEMAN     |              |
| MOSES DICKINSON    |              |

Voted To Accept of a Townway Laid from the town way North of Elijah Bakers Lot to Cross the Mill river near Clarys Mill and another way from Said Clarys Mill to Meet with the same—

The Report of the Select men for Laying of said way is as follows (viz) At the Annual Meeting of the Inheabitants of Amherst March y<sup>e</sup> fifth A. D. 1770

The Select Men of Amherst pursuant to the reporte of the Com<sup>tee</sup> Lately appointed by the District have Laid out the Ways hereafter described for the use of the Inheabitants of Amherst (viz) Beginning at the town Way North of Elijah Bakers Lot, and at a pine Tree Mark,<sup>a</sup> (which is in the Middle of y<sup>e</sup> same way Laid out by us) thence running North thirty Eaight Degrees and thirty Minutes west, forty two rods: thence North thirty degrees west ten rods, thence North thirty Seven Degrees West Sixteen rods: thence west Seven Degrees North twenty rods; thence South thirty Eaight Degrees West Seven Rods: thence North forty three Degrees West Six rods; thence West Eaightteen Degrees North thirteen Rods; thence North twenty Eaight Degrees & thirty Minutes East to Cross the Mill River—the Same Way being two rods in Breadth—the said Select men have also Laid a rode of the Same Breadth from the Mill Called Clarys Mill, to Meet with the aforesaid Way (viz)

Beginning at a Place twenty Feet South of the Easterly End of said Mill: thence running South thirty Eaight Degres West to the way herein before described—

Which way So Laid out the Said Select men now Return and Reporte to this



Meeting that they may be accepted, and allowed by the District and Committed to Record according to Law

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| SIMEON STRONG                | } Select Men |
| JON <sup>th</sup> DICKINSON  |              |
| NATH <sup>l</sup> L. COLEMAN |              |
| MOSES DICKINSON              |              |

Voted To Repare the Heigh Ways this year by a Tax

Voted to Discontinue all that Town way South of Nath<sup>l</sup> Colemans

Voted To Grant all the Lands Contained in said Way to said Nathaniel Colemans, and Impower a Com<sup>tee</sup> in behalf of the District to Execute to said Coleman and Heirs a Deed thereof, with Covenant for quiet Enjoyment

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Ins John Field Jonathan Dickinson be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the purpus aforesaid—

On Nathaniel Colemans afferring to this meeting a deed of Conveyance of a Piece of Land in this District which Said Coleman lately Bought of Elisha Cook, Which was Lately the South Side of Said Cooks, Lot in the Midle Division being ten Rods in Breadth and running through said Division

Voted To accept the Same and Receive the Estate thereby Granted accordingly

Voted To Lease the Same Land So purched To Abner Lee for the Term of Eight Years and Grant him the wood and Timber thereon

Voted To Chose a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Visit the boundaries of the town and renew such as Destroyed and make them Notorious

Voted That Moses Dickinson Elijah Baker John Nash Jun<sup>r</sup> be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus aforesaid

Voted To Chose a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Inspect the Town Way North of Moses Warners. & say howmuch Land and in what form shall be assoined to Jonathan Dickinson as a Recumpence for the County rods going acros his Lot & make return to the next meting

Voted Ins Jonn Field Solomon BoltWood Thomas Hastings a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus above

Voted to Chose a Com<sup>tee</sup> To say and Determine how much Land and in What Form shall be allow<sup>d</sup> to William Boltwood at the west End of his Lot as a Recompence for Laying a town Way on the North Side of his Lot and make return to the Next Meeting

Voted That Josiah Chauncy Esq Moses Dickinson Elijah Baker be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus afore said

Voted That the Select Men be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Lay out and prefix sufficient boundaries to the Buring Yard and Make Reporte to the Next Meeting

Voted That Nehemiah Dickinson be releas<sup>d</sup> from being accountable for the Rates of Joseph Gould and Noah Gould

Voted to Do sumthing to the town Heighway between John Nash Jun<sup>r</sup> and William Boltwoods Lot

Voted To Do Ten Days Worke to the way above mentioned

Voted To begin a Gramer School at the first of May next and the same to continue through the year

Voted To Discontinue asertain Piece of townway North of Joseph Churchs Hous being as follows (viz) one rod north of his Hous four Rods wide runing Northerly twenty five rods and then fall in with the Line of the Lots and grant the same to said Church



Voted That Hogs Shall Run from the middle of May to the First of August—  
Attest SIMEON STRONG Moderator

[On the last leaves of this first book occur the following miscellaneous entries]

Nov 7 1762 Taken up & Strayed by Ephraim Kellogg of Amherst a Sorrel mare about twelve Years old without any Mark or Brand & I appointed Ebenezer Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> & Joseph Dickinson to apprise s<sup>d</sup> Mair & they apprised her at two Pound Lawfull money

In the Yeare 1758 There was a tax made by us John Nash Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Ass<sup>s</sup> for this precinct to procure fire wood for the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Parsons and his Sallary: and other Charges as follows

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| Committed to M <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Ingram a tax to Collect | 333 | 13 | 11 |
| Also to M <sup>r</sup> Jonathan Edwards a tax of                     | 264 | 17 | 09 |
|                                                                      | 598 | 11 | 8  |
| the Debts Committed to the Tresurar to pay out                       | 576 | 02 |    |

August 21 1759 taken Up In Damiadge feasant And Straid By Ephraim Kellogg & Mosses Warner a Roan Mair about three years old With a Blase in her face & a Nattural Pacer Without mark or Brand

A Record of the proceeding In y<sup>e</sup> tax of two pence p<sup>r</sup> acor Granted by the General Coart

Pursuent to the Order of this Precinct the Assesors proceeded to Expose to Sale so Much of the Lands of the Nonresident propriators (who had been Delinquent in paying the tax Assesed upon thare Lands by vertu of the Grant of the Grate and General Court to this Precinct to enable them to settel a Gospel Minister and) as was Judged would be Sufficient to Defray and pay up the Remaining part of the Assesment yet Du

Accordingly y<sup>e</sup> Rate of Shuch Delinquent Propriators Land was posted Publickly at Springfield at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Worthontons & In Hadley 3<sup>d</sup> Preceinct att the House of M<sup>r</sup> Kellogg & att Each publick House the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1739

After which on the first Day of March 1739 40 Notifications of the Sale of y<sup>e</sup> Delinquent Propriators Lands was Publickly posted att y<sup>e</sup> Afores<sup>d</sup> Places In Springfield first Parish att y<sup>e</sup> House of M<sup>r</sup> Worthonton & In Hadley 3<sup>d</sup> Precinct att y<sup>e</sup> House of M<sup>r</sup> Kellogg Seting forth ye Quantety of Lands or Number of Acors Exposed to sale of Each Delinquent Propriators Lots: Allso seting forth y<sup>e</sup> time or Day appointed for the Sale of Shuch Lands by Publick Vandue which is to be on the first Munday of June 1740

On the third Day of Janew<sup>r</sup> 1739 40 Notifications of the Intended Sale of y<sup>e</sup> Delinquent propriators Lands ware Inserted or Advertised In y<sup>e</sup> Publick prints for three several weeks Successively

On the first Munday in June 1740 a Lot of Land belonging to the Heirs of Colonial Sam<sup>l</sup> Brown Decest Containing about foure Hundred & twelve Acors Lying about ye Middel of the third Devesion of Lands so Called In Hadley third Preceinct—and was formerly Laid out to the Porters: was Publickly Sold at a Publick Vandue: to the Highest Bidder: for one Hundred & forty seven pounds Bills of the old Tennor: the Remainder of which Money: after his Rate of Asses-



ment: as also the Incident Charges were paid was Log<sup>d</sup> In the Precinct Tresury: (that is thirty pounds nineteen shillings and two pence) with order to y<sup>e</sup> Tresurar John Cows to pay the same to the Heirs of Colenal Sam<sup>n</sup> Brown when & as soon as Demanded

## [SECOND BOOK.]

Hampshire ss. May y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1770—

To the Constables of the District of Amherst or Either of them Greeting.

In his majestys Name you are Requ<sup>r</sup>,<sup>d</sup> forthwith To warn all the Freeholders & other Inheabitants of the District of Amherst Qualified to Vote in town and District Meetings that they Convene & meet to Gether at the Meeting Hous in s<sup>d</sup> District on thirsday the twenty fourth Day of May Currant at four of Clock in the after noon, then and there after a Moderator Chosen,

1<sup>st</sup> To know the minds of the District whether they will accept of the List of Jurors the Select men have Drawn up

2<sup>d</sup> Whether the District Will accept of the Reporte of the Select Men Respecting the bounds of the Burying Yard

3<sup>d</sup> Wheather the District think it necessary for the Select men To Lay a highway from Hoddens in the East Street Northerly to John Adams Corn Mill— and Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings therein to one of us before s<sup>d</sup> Meeting

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| JOSIAH CHANCY    | } Select Men |
| JOHN DICKINSON   |              |
| SOLOMON BOLTWOOD |              |

Return of the Constable indors. thus (viz)

The Directions of this Warrant has bin attended by me

DAVID SMITH Constable

the Directions of Warrant have bin answer,<sup>d</sup> by me

NATHEN DICKINSON J<sup>n</sup>r Constable for Amherst

May: 24: 1770

Att a Legal Meeting of District of Amherst holden at the Meeting hous on Thirsday the twenty-fourth day of May 1770 fore of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon, Come into the following Votes (Viz)

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Moderator

Voted To Accept of the List of Jurers as they have bin Red

Voted To Accept of the Report of the Selectmen Respecting the bounds of the burying yard who is as follows (Viz)

We the Select Men of the District of Amherst according to the Vote of the town have set up the bounds of the Burying Yard According to our best Judgment & is as follows (Viz)

Beginning at a Stake and Stones two Rods Easterly of Docter Coleman, North East Corner of his Ketching thence Easterly Nineteen Roods to a Stake and Stones thence Northerly twenty two Rods to a Stake and Stones thence Westerly four Roods to a Stake and Stons thence South-westerly Eaighteen Rods & one half to Stake and Stones thence Southerly Eleven Rods & one half to the first Mentioned Corner

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| JOSIAH CHAUNCY            | } Selectmen |
| JOHN DICKINSON            |             |
| GIDEON DICKINSON          |             |
| JON <sup>th</sup> EDWARDS |             |
| SOL <sup>n</sup> BOLTWOOD |             |





Voted that the Select Men Lay a Heighway in the East Street from Hoddings or Eastmans Lot to Shutesbury Rode and make Reporte to March Meeting

Test ———

August 21 1770

Att A Legall Meeting of the Distrect of Amherst on tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>d</sup> of August 1770 at 5 of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon, after the Choice of Simeon Strong Esq Moderator Voted as Follows (Viz)

Voted to Come Into sum Measures for Regulatig or Eaising of the burden of a Roade requested and About to be Laid through the third Division of Lots in Amherst

Voted To Chews a Com<sup>tee</sup> To Inspect and See if their Cant be a way found fo[r] a rode through the third Division of Lots as Good for the Publick with Les Damage to the Privite than the Way Now Popos,<sup>d</sup> through John Billings Lot in Its triangular Point

Voted that Ins John Field Moses Dickinson and Gideon Dickinson Be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus aforesaid, and that in Case they Can find such a place for a Rode as is Mention,<sup>d</sup> above that they reporte to some one who Shall [be] Chosen to act at Court in behalf of the Distrect

Voted that Simeon Strong Esq. be an Agent at Court for the Distrect Incase a Com<sup>tee</sup> be Chosen to Lay out S<sup>d</sup> way that if Posiable the S<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> may have their orders Left in Sum measure at Large and Not Confined to one Perticular Place

Test ———

January 14<sup>th</sup> 1771

Att A Legal Meeting of the Distrect of Amherst on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> of Janary A D 1771 at the Midle School-House in the first Division at Nine of the Clock in the morning Voted as follows (Viz)

Voted Josiah Chauncy Esq Moderator

Voted to Adjurn this Meeting for the Space of one Hour & then meet at this Place

Voted to Allow two shillings Per Day for summer worke

Voted to Allow one Shilling and Six pence for Fall Worke

Voted To Allow the bills as they bin Red and Consider,<sup>d</sup> and that the Assesors Leavey a tax for raising the Same

Voted To allow the Re<sup>vd</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Parsons ninety three pound Six shillings and Eaight Pence & that the Assesers Leavey a tax for raysing the Same

Voted to rais thirty Pound for school and that the Assesers Leavey a tax for Raising the Same

Voted to Build a Bridge over the mill River near Clareys mill So Call.<sup>d</sup>

Voted to Chews a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Settle with De<sup>n</sup> Ebenezer Dickinson a former Tresurer Respecting a Sum of Money Lodg.<sup>d</sup> in his hands which is the Equivalent or Reward of a sartin Tract of Land formerly Call.<sup>d</sup> the Equivalent Land

Voted that Josiah Chauncy Esq Simeon Strong Esq and John Billings be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus above

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

(Seal) Hampshire ss. To the Constables of the Distrect of Amherst or Either of them Greeting In his Majesstys Name you are Requir<sup>d</sup> to Worn all the freeholders and other Inheabitants that are Qualified Acording to Law to Vote in Town & Distrect Meetings that they Convene and meet Together at the Middle School hous in the first Street in Amherst on Monday the twenty first Day of



January Currant at two of the Clock in the after Noon to Consider and Act upon the following Articles

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wheather the Distrect will set up another School
- 2<sup>d</sup> Whether the Distrect Discontinue and Sell any Part of the Heighway in this Distrect
- 3<sup>d</sup> Wheather the Distrect will Seat the Meeting hous or Make any alteration—and Make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doing therein to some one or more of us the subscribers before S<sup>d</sup> Meeting Given under our hand and Seals this Seventeenth Day of January 1771

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| JOSIAH CHAUNCY<br>JONATHAN EDWARDS<br>SOL <sup>n</sup> BOLTWOOD<br>GIDEON DICKINSON | } Select Men |
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Return of the Constables Indors thus (viz)—the Directions of this warrant hath bin attended by us

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| NATHAN DICKINSON JN <sup>r</sup><br>DAVID SMITH | } Constables |
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January 21<sup>st</sup> 1771

Att a Legal Meeting of the Distrect of Amherst holden at the School hous near Hartling Stake on Monday y<sup>e</sup> twenty first of January A D 1771 Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Josiah Chauncy Esq Moderator

Voted that the Select Men Set up a new school at the north End of the Distrect the Space of Six weeks in addition to the present school

Voted to make sum alterations in seeting of the Meeting hous—

Voted that Leut. John Dickinson De<sup>n</sup> Jonathan Edwards, Ins. John Field Josiah Chauncy Esq and Moses Dickinson be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus above

Voted that the Above Com<sup>tee</sup> be regulated by the List to be taken for the Present year to Gether with Eage Estate and Qualifications

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

Amherst Distrect Meeting Jan<sup>ry</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1771

Voted that there be Granted, to Lieut. William Boltwood and John Nash Jur. all the Land between the after Mentioned Line and the Lots in which they Dwell that is to say Each of them to have that which lies against his own Lot that is to say. Beginning at a Stake and Stones at the Northwest Corner of the Said John Nashes Lot on Which he Dwells as the Same as now Inclos.<sup>d</sup> thence Running Southerly to White Oake Tree about three Rods South Said Nashes Barn thence running to a Stake and Stons Near the Southwest Corner Said Nash.s Lot thence Still Southerly to a Stake and Stones at the Northwest Corner of Said William Boltwoods Lot Crossing the townway two rods wide hence to a Stake and Stones about two rods & half westerly of said Boltwoods Barn: the said Grant to Said Boltwood being in Recompose of the Damage done by Laying the town Way on y<sup>e</sup> north side of his Lot: and the Grant to Said Nash being on Condition of his paying or securing to the District Treasurer the sum of thirty two shillings within this Month of January

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

N. B. See Page 9 for J. Nashs land

(Seal) Hampshire ss. To the Constables of the Distrect of Amherst or Either of them Greeting in his Majestys Name you are required forthwith to Warn



all the Freeholders and other Inheabitants of the Destrict of Amherst Qualified to Vote in town or District meeting that they Convene and meet together at the \*School Hous in the first Street in Amherst Near Pelham Road Tuesday the fifth Day of March Next at Nine of the Clock in the morning then and there after a Moderator Chosen to See if the Destrict will Vote the following articles

1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse Destrict officers Ensuing Year

2<sup>d</sup> Wheather the Destrict will Consider & Determine Respecting such Conditional Grants as Have here to fore bin Made by the Destrict whether the Conditions are fullfilled or not and to Conform the Grants to the Grantees respectively and to make them Absolute Where the Grants appear to have been fulfilled

3<sup>d</sup> Whether the Destrict will Discontinue any Part of the highway in said Destrict and sell the Same in any Veary special Case or Cases—& further more to see if the Destrict will accept of the return of the Select men of a town road Laid out from the North End of the Second Street up Near to Goulds mill So Called

4<sup>th</sup> To Determin whot what method to repara the Heighways the Ensuing Year

5<sup>th</sup> Wheather the Destrict will Let Hodgs run at Large any Part of the Year Ensuing if they are rung & Yoked according to Law

6<sup>th</sup> To see whether the Destrict will accept of the report of the Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen to Seet the Meeting Hous

7<sup>th</sup> Wheather the Destrict will Vote that Every Person Seated Shall Take their Seats where they are Seated & to be Esteemed Disorderly if not & be Liable to such a fine as the Court Judge Proper—& make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings therein to sum one of us before s.<sup>d</sup> meeting—Given under our hands & Seal this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1771 & in the Eleventh year of his Majestys Reign

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| JOSIAH CHAUNCY              | } Select Men |
| JOHN DICKINSON              |              |
| SOL <sup>x</sup> N BOLTWOOD |              |
| GIDEON DICKINSON            |              |
| JONATHAN EDWARDS            |              |

Return of the Constables Indors this (viz) the Directons of this Warrant hath bin attended by me Nathan Dickinson Jnr Constable

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1771

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the School Hous. Near the hartling Stake on Tusday ye 5<sup>th</sup> Day of March A D 1771 at Nine of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> Morning and Voted as Follows. (viz)

Voted Josiah Chauncy. Esq. Moderator

Voted. Seth Coleman Clerk

Voted. Simeon Strong Esq. Treasurer.

Voted. Simeon Strong Esq. Ins. John Field. Moses Dickinson Alexan<sup>d</sup> Smith and Peter Smith Select men

Voted. to adjurn this Meeting for the Space of one hour and then to meet at the School hous at or Near the Hartling<sup>d</sup> Stake

Voted. Peter Smith I<sup>s</sup> John Field. Alexan<sup>d</sup> Smith Assesers.

Voted. Jonathan Dickinson Jnr Philup Ingram Constables.

Voted. Simeon Dickinson De<sup>n</sup> Simeon Clark. Asael Moody Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Elijah Baker Surveyers of Heighways.

Voted John Nash Jnr Gideon Handerson Jonathan Moody Jnr Tithing Men

Voted Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman Jonathan Cowls fens Viewers



Voted John Hoddens. Oliver Cowles Gideon Lee Joel. Billings. Lemuel Moody Hogreeves.

Voted Moses Cook John Nash Jn<sup>r</sup> Joel Moody Joseph Eastman Jn<sup>r</sup> Deer Reeves

Voted Jonathan Smith David Blodgit Robert Emmon Wardens.

Voted Isaac Goodale Sealer of Leather

Voted that the former Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen to Survey the Heighway heretofore go again onto the Line between De<sup>n</sup> S. Clarks Lot and the Heighway adjoining to more Critically assertain if Posiable the Line between s,<sup>d</sup> Simeon Clarks Lot and Heighway adjoining

Voted that the Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen heretofore to Survey the town Heighway go onto the Line at the front of Hezekiah Beldings Lot and Say how much Land if any Shall be Sold to S,<sup>d</sup> Belding to accommodate him around his barn, shop & well, and in what form & for how much he shall have the Same & make return to the Next Meeting

Voted to Cheus a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Vew the Heighway at the East End of In<sup>s</sup> John Fields & Moses Cooks Lot and Say how much Land if any Shall be Sold To Samuel Gould in what form and for what Sum and make return to the Next meting

Voted Solomon Boltwood John Nash Jn<sup>r</sup> Daniel Kellogg be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus above

Voted to repare the Heighway this year by a tax

Voted that hogs Shall run from ye 20<sup>th</sup> of May To 20<sup>th</sup> of August ring,<sup>d</sup> and yok,<sup>d</sup> according to Law

Voted to adjourn to the meeting hous

Voted to accept of the Com<sup>tee</sup> report in the regulation of the Seats in the Meeting hous

Test

JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

A Highway Laid out by us the Subscribers in Amherst May y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1770 as follows (viz) We began at a Large Red Oak Stump Supposed to be the North East Corner of Joseph Eastmans Lot y<sup>e</sup> body of the Tree being on the ground being Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. from thence we Ran on the west Side of S,<sup>d</sup> highway north 14 deg 30 min East 60 rods to whch Place the Heighway is Laid 12 rods wide opposite to which Stands a Stake & Stones on ye East Side y<sup>e</sup> Steak Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. then the Heighway Runs on the East Side North 36 deg East 9½ rods to a heap of Stones and a Stake Markt H. W. then North 11 deg East 17 rods to a heap of Stones and a Stake Markt H. W. about 14 or 15 rods to the South of Hoddens Hous where the road is 13. rods & 6. Links wide then we Went to the West Side of S,<sup>d</sup> Heighway to where we Ended the 60 rods first Mentioned & Continued the Cours North 14 deg 30 min East 12 rods to a pine Stake Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. then we went to the Laist mention,<sup>d</sup> Station on ye East Side & ran North 9 deg 30 min West 46 rods to a heap of Stones & Stake Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. than we went to the Laist mention,<sup>d</sup> Station on y<sup>e</sup> West Side (viz) a Pine Stake & ran North 12 deg West 42 rods to a Large White Oak Stump Mark<sup>d</sup> H. W. from whence forward the highway is Laid 2 rods wide from said White Oak Stump it run West 31 deg North 11 rods to a heap of Stones & a Stake mark<sup>d</sup> H. W. then west 31 deg North 28 rods to a Pine Stadle mark<sup>d</sup> H. W. then North 38 deg West 45 rods to a pine Stadle mark<sup>d</sup> H. W. then North 27 deg West 5 rods to a Pine Stadle Mark<sup>d</sup> H. W. then North 43 deg west 7½ rods to a Pine Stadel mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. then North 32 deg West 3 rods to a pine Stadle Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. then North 45 deg West 31 rods to a Small Pine Stadle Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. then North 36 deg West 9 rods to a Pine





Stadel Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. then North 25 deg West 26 rods to a Small White Oak Stadel Mark,<sup>d</sup> H.W. then North 14 deg West 12 rods to a Small White Burch Stadel Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. then North 1 deg West 54 rods to a Walnut Stadel in a run of water Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. then North 16 deg west 39 rods to a White Oak Stadel Mark,<sup>d</sup> H. W. then Continued the Same cours 46 rods further to the County Road

Survey,<sup>d</sup> By EBEN'R CHILDS.

Damages as Estimtd by the suscribers

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|----------------------|---|----|---|---|
| To Ebenezer Williams | £ | 0  | 5 | 0 |
| To Joseph Eastman    | 0 | 6  | 6 |   |
| To Elijah Baker      | 1 | 0  | 0 |   |
| To Noah Smith        | 0 | 10 | 0 |   |

JOSIAH CHAUNCEY  
GIDEON DICKINSON } Select Men  
JON<sup>th</sup> EDWARDS }

The Above Reporte of the Select Men is Voted

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCEY Moderator

Voted that Daniel Kellogg Nathan Dickinson Gideon Dickinson Moses Warner John Billings Josiah Moody Eli Parker James Merick Timothy Green Aaron Warner Lemuel Moody Simeon Strong Joseph Eastman & Jonathan Dickinson have fullfill,<sup>d</sup> the Conditions of their Respective Grants made to them at the District Meeting Janu<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1770 of Land that were before Part of the townway and that the Said Grants be & hereby are made absolute to them respectively and their Heirs forever—

Voted that John Nash Jn<sup>r</sup> has fulfilled the Condition of the Grant of Land made to him at the last Jaunary Meeting and that he hold the Same Land in Fee

Voted that Simeon Strong has fulfilled the Condition of the Grant made to him of that Piece of Land which Lies Between Pelham Road & the Burying yard & that the Same Land be & hereby is Confirmed to him & his Heirs

Voted that Preserved Clap has fulfilled the Condition of the Grant Made to him of Land on the South Side of Simeon Dickinsons Lot & that the Same be & hereby is Confermed to him and his Heirs

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCEY Moderator

April 22. 1771.

Att A Legal Meeting of the Distrect of Amherst at the Meeting House on Monday y<sup>e</sup> twenty Second Day of April A D 1771 at two of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon, and Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted to accept of the List of Jurers as they have been red

Voted to Chuse a Com<sup>tee</sup> to agree with Ebenezar Williams respecting a Bit of his Lot North of his hous wanted for a rode and make a reporte to sum futer meeting

Voted Peter Smith Moses Dickinson and Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the purpus above

Voted To accept of the Report of the Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen to Settle with De<sup>n</sup> Ebenezer Dickinson &c

Test MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

Seal Hampshire ss. Amherst To the Constab[le]s of the Destrict of Amherst or Either of them Greeting—

You are hereby required in his Majestys Name to Notify the Inheabitants of



Said District Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs that they Meet together at the Meeting Hous in Said District on Wednesday the fifth Day of June Next at two of the Clock afternoon, then and there after Moderator Chosen to Do & transact the following things (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To Hear the Petition of Landlord Moses Warner for discontinuing that Part of the town way lying on the North Side of his Lot which he has inclos.<sup>d</sup> within his Fence or Such part thereof as Shall be Necessary to make up the Breadth of his Lot; or otherwise to make him a grant of Land in some other Part of the Said way sufficient to Make up the Land that is wanting in his said Lot

2<sup>d</sup> To Hear the Reporte of the Com<sup>tee</sup> heretofore Chosen to Consider what Land should be granted To Jonathan Dickinson in said way as a Recompence for his Land taken up in the Kings Heighway and grant so much Land to said Dickinson as shall be thought proper & to Discontinue such part of said way as shall be granted to him

3<sup>d</sup> To hear the Request of John Morton for Discontinuing a part of the townway which he has Inclos.<sup>d</sup> & sel to him so much of said Land as shall be thought proper

4<sup>th</sup> To Determine Wheather the District will allow Abner Lee to keep up his Fence about his Field in the town way and on What Condition and for what time

5<sup>th</sup> To Determine wheather the District will allow De<sup>n</sup> Simeon Clark to Keep up his fence round his Crop Sowed in the town way East of his hous & for what time & for what Consideration

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant & your Doings herein at or before the time of holding said Meeting. Dated at amherst the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of May Ano domini 1771

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| SIMEON STRONG           | } Select Men |
| PETER SMITH             |              |
| MOSES DICKINSON         |              |
| ALEX <sup>d</sup> SMITH |              |

Return of the Constables Indors. thus (viz)

The Directions of this Warrant hath bin attended by us

JONATHAN DICKINSON Jn<sup>r</sup>  
PHILUP INGRAM: Constables

June 5<sup>th</sup> A D 1771

Att a Legal meeting of the Distrect of Amherst holden at the Meeting Hous on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> June 1771 at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Josiah Chauncy Esq. Modrator

Voted to Chuse a Com<sup>tee</sup> to survey Lan<sup>d</sup> Moses Warners Lot and see how much land the town has taken of his Lot for a highway on the North side and Determin how much Land shall be ascined to Moses Warner where and in what form

Also to affix boundarys to a bit of Land formerly ascined to Jonathan Dickinson as a Recompence for the Land taken from him for a Heighway and the survey of the same &c

Voted That Simeon Strong Esq Moses Dickinson Josiah Chauncy Esq be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus above

Voted that the same Com<sup>tee</sup> be directed on the Petition of John Morton to Vew the town way near John Mortons House & se what Land is necessary for the town to allow him to hold there & make Reporte to the Meeting



Voted that the said Com<sup>tee</sup> do not Proceed to prosecute Aaron Lee for Incumbering the way till the further order of the town

Voted that a Com<sup>tee</sup> be Chose to Determin what rent De<sup>n</sup> Clark give to the Town for his Land in y<sup>e</sup> town way East of his Hous

Voted that Isaac Goodale Moses Cook and John Nash Jr be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for that Purpose

Voted that this Meeting be adjurned to the Monday after next at four of the Clock afternoon

Attest JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

Amherst District Meeting by Ajourment on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of January 4 a Clock afternoon

Voted that there be granted to Jonathan Dickinson in Recompence for Land formerly taken for y<sup>e</sup> Kings Heighway from the Lot whereon his Son Simeon Dickinson now dwells. four Acres and three Quarters of an Acre of Land in the town way north of & adjoining the Lot of Moses Warner in Form following (viz) Beginning at the Rear of the Second Division Lots the whole Breadth of the way being sixteen Rods thence running Westerly Carrying the Whole Breadth of said Way forty six rods two feet and half to Bounds marked & made by the Com<sup>tee</sup> and that the whole of the Town Way Lying within the before mentioned Limits be & hereby is discontinued

Voted that the southerly Line of the said town way from said Jonathan Dickinsons Grant westerly hereafter shall beas follows (viz) Beginning at a Stake & Stones in the Westerly Line of Said Dickinson,s Grant and nine Rods Northerly from the Southwest Corner thereof thence running West seven Degrees thirty Minutes north about fifty four rods to a burch Stake & Stones not far South of the Parth thence West forty two Degrees North ten rods to a Stakes & Stones thence West fifteen Degrees & thirteen Minutes North to a Stake Six rods: thence the same Point Eighty two rods to a Stake and Stones in Moses Warners Fence south from Preserved Claps Shop, thence West fourteen Degrees South twelve rods to a Stake & Stones thence west 11 deg South 6 rods to a Stake Mark<sup>d</sup> H.W. & Stones. thence West 30 deg 30 min north 10 rods to a Stake & Stones thence about thirty Rods west 3 deg North to a Stake & Stones in the front Line of the original Lots and that all that Part of said Way which Lies south of Said Line be & hereby is discontinued

Voted that all the Land in Said Way south of the Line aforesaid being four Acres & half and sixteen Rods more than Moses Warner has Inclosed be and hereby is Granted to Moses Warner as a compensation for his original Lot taken formerly in Said Way and which now makes a Part of said Jonathan Dickinsons Grant and for what was wanting in Quantity of Land formerly Granted to him & which he bought of the Town of Hadley

The Above Votes Paist in District Meeting

Attest • JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

Meeting October 30<sup>th</sup> 1771

Att a Legal meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting hous on Wednesday the thirtieth day of october at three oClock afternoon A 1771

Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Peter Smith Moderator

Voted that the Select men be impower<sup>d</sup> to Draw money out of the Treasury to pay the Necessary repairs of the Meeting hous & School houses

Tes<sup>t</sup> PETER SMITH Moderator



Meeting Novem<sup>r</sup> 8. 1771

Att a Legal meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting hous on Friday the Eaight Day of November 1771 at two of the Clock after noon, and Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Moderator

Voted to take sum further Measurs to obtain an alteration of the Heighway Lately Laid through the third Division to Belchers town through John Billings Lot

Voted Moses Dickinson be an Agent to forward a Petition to Court for the purpus aforesaid

Test. SIMEON STRONG Moderator

Meeting December 2<sup>d</sup> 1771

At a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting hous on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Day of December 1771 at one of the clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Peter Smith Moderator

Voted to Adjurn to the school hous near the Heartling Stake

Voted that the Courts Com<sup>tee</sup> Lately Chosen to vew the County rode Lately Laid in the third Division in order to make sum alteration or removal of said rode shall come

Voted to Chuse a Com<sup>tee</sup> to wait on the Courts Com<sup>tee</sup>

Voted that Simeon Strong Esq & Peter Smith be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> purpus above

Voted that the Com<sup>tee</sup> be shewed acros the East End of the third Division of Lots Leading from Log town to Pelham Rode and also a rode Leading from Noah Dickinsons by De<sup>n</sup> Jonathan Edwards and thomas Hasting:s to Come in with the New County Rode Near Nath<sup>l</sup> Pecks

Test PETER SMITH Moderator

## Meeting January 13 A. D. 1772

Att A Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst holden at the School hous Near Landlord Warners on Monday the thirteenth Day of January A. D. 1772 at Nine of the Clock in morning Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Alexander Smith Moderator

Voted to adjurn this Meeting for the space of one hour and then return to this Place

Voted to Allow two Shillings per Day in Summer for worke & one Shilling & Sixpence per day in fall

Voted to Allow the Bills as they have bin red & Considerd

Voted to Allow the Re<sup>vt</sup> David Persons his Sollery as in years Paist

Voted that the Assesers be impower<sup>d</sup> to Asses the money Voted above

Voted to Allow Simeon Stong Esq forty fore Shillings it being money he paid to the Corts Com<sup>tee</sup> for their Services in December 1771

Voted to Take sum Measures to divide the District into two Pearishes

Voted To adjurn this Meeting to the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of January Current at one of the Clock afternoon

Amherst District Meeting by Adjurnment on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of January A. D. 1772 one Clock afternoon

Voted that the Select Men be Directed to Preambulate the Line between Hadley and Amherst

Voted to Chuse a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Lay out a Recumpence in Land to Joseph Church for his Land taken for a town way & make a report to sum futer meeting





Voted that Elijah Baker & Ebenezer Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpose above

Voted that the School house that is near Edward Smiths hous be removed to the East Side of the Street upon Private Expence and that there be a Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen to say wheare it shall stand

Voted that Isaac Goodale Solomon Boltwood & John Billings be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus above

Voted to Make De<sup>n</sup> Ebenezar Dickinson som allowance for his former trouble in Collecting Alvords Debt

Voted to allow De<sup>n</sup> Ebenezar Dickinson five pounds for his former Service as above mentioned & Voted

Voted to take sum further measurs for the removal of the County road to Belchers town

Voted that Moses Dickinson the former Agent Should go the Next Court at Northampton & hear the report of the Courts Com<sup>tee</sup>

Test. ALEXAND'R SMITH Moderator

Meeting March 10<sup>th</sup> 1772

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting Hous on Tuesday the tenth Day of March at Nine of the Clock Forenoon A. D. 1772 Come Into the following Votes (viz)

Voted Alexander Smith Moderator

Voted Seth Coleman District Clerk

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Treasurer

Voted John Dickinson Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Moses Dickinson Ruben Dickinson & John Billings Selectmen

Voted John Billings John Dickinson Ruben Dickinson Assesers

Voted to adjurn for the Space of one hour and then to Meat at this place

Voted Joseph Dickinson Joel Moody Constables

Voted Eli Parker William Boltwood David Blotchet Joseph Church Surveyors of Highways

Voted Jonathan Cowles Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman Fens Vewers

Voted Jonathan Moody Jn<sup>r</sup> John Nash Jn<sup>r</sup> Dear Rives

Voted Elijah Baker Daniel Dickinson David Cowles Tything men

Voted Jacob Warner Jn<sup>r</sup> Timothy Green Jn<sup>r</sup> Oliver Clap Robert Emmons Ezerah Roode Hog Rives

Voted Joseph Church Survey of Lumber

Voted Isaac Goodale Sealer of Leather

Voted to Repare the Heighways this year by the Pole

Voted Elishar Ingram Isaac Goodale Asahel Moody Wardens

Voted to Let Hogs run well ring<sup>d</sup> and yoked sum part of the year

Voted that Hogs shall run from the fifteenth of May to the tenth of August next Hamperd as above

Voted to adjurn to the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March Currant at Nine of the Clock in the morning then meet at this Place

Amherst District Meeting by adjurnment on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1772 at Nine of the Clock in the morning

Voted to adjura to the School hous by Landlord Warners

Voted to adjurn to the School hous by Landlord Warners

Voted to adjurn for the space of one hour then to meet at this Place



Voted that the Select Men Draw Money out of the Treasury to Pay for Schooling this year

Voted to accept of the report of a Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen to Lay out a bit of Land to Joseph Church which is as follows

Amherst March 9<sup>th</sup> 1772

Att a Legal Meeting on January the 13<sup>th</sup> we the Subscribers being Chosen a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Lay out sum Land to Joseph Church accordingly we have gon and laid it out as follows

Beginning at the Mill River on the west Side of the way N. then Runing Mt. seven rods & half to a Chesnot Stadel which we Markt H. W then runing south forty rods to a pine Stadel that we marked H W thence Mt. seven rods and half this gives him one acre & seven score rods of Land which we find by the surveyers Plan to be the same in quantity that the town had of him for a highway by us

ELIJAH BAKER

EBENZAR DICKINSON Jnr

the Vote taken respecting the Dividing of the Distrect into two Districts or parishes was paist in the Negative by a tie of Votes

Test

ALEXANDER SMITH Moderator

Meeting April 21 A D 1772

Att a Lagal meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting Hous on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> twenty first day of april at fore of the Clock afternoon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted John Billings Moderator

Voted to accept of the Jurers as they have bin agreed on by the Select Men

Test.

Meeting August 17<sup>th</sup>. 1772

Att a Legal Meeting of the Distrect of Amherst holden at the Meeting hous on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1772 at three of the Clock afternoon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Josiah Chauncy Esq. Moderator

Voted To approve the Doings of the Select Men in employing M<sup>r</sup> Gay Ballantine to Keep the Grammar School

Voted to Improve M<sup>r</sup> William Guy Ballentine for Six months from his first Entering in the School

Voted to Chuse a Com<sup>tee</sup> to transact the affaire of schooling for the six month mention.<sup>d</sup> above

Voted that Moses Dickins Lev<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson & John Billings be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above

Voted that the Com<sup>tee</sup> above Should weight on Mr. William Gay Ballantine & inform him of the Votes of the town as they Stand above &c

Attest

JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

Meeting Aug<sup>st</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> [24?] A d 1772

At a Legal Meeting of the Distrect of Amherst holden at the Meeting hous on Monday y<sup>e</sup> twente of August 1772.

Voted as follows (viz)

Voted John Billings Moderator.

Voted to Take sum further measures for the removal of the Countey Rode through John Billings Lot



Voted to Shew the Courts Com<sup>tee</sup> that is Coming to vew the County rode through Jqhn Billings Lot the Rode Call,<sup>d</sup> the North rode

Attest

Meeting January y<sup>e</sup> 18 AD 1773

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting Hous on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Day of January A. D. 1773 at Nine of the Clock in the Morning

Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted to Adjurn to the School hous Near Landlord Fieles

Voted to accept of the Bills as they have bin Red and Consider,<sup>d</sup>

Voted to adjurn for the Space of one hour and then Meet at this Place

Voted that the Assesers be Impowered to Leavey a tax sufficient to Defreay the Debts of the District as they have been paist & also to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons his Salery as in years paist

Voted upon the Petition of Peletiah Smith Jn<sup>r</sup> and Nathan Dickinson for Damages that they Sustain by the Countey rode being Laid across their Land in the third Division to Chew a Com<sup>tee</sup> to go on the Land and See wheather they Shall have any Damages or Either of them and if any how much and make Report to the Next Meeting

Voted that Moses Dickinson Esq Chauncy and Solomon Boltwood be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus above

Voted upon the Petition of Simeon Strong Esq. to Cheuse a Com<sup>tee</sup> to see Wheather M<sup>r</sup> Strong shall have the Liberty of Purchasing a gore of Land before his house as mention in the Warrant (viz) twelve feet wide from Near the Place whear his old Barn formerly stood runing to a point at the west side of his Lot & for what sum and that they make report to the Nex Meeting

Voted Daniel Kellogg, Esq Chauncy, Ins. John Field, be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus above &c

Voted to Raise thirtey five Pounds for the use of schooling in the year Insewing

Voted that the Assesers be Impower<sup>d</sup> to rais the money mentioned above for the use of Schooling and give auder for the Same

Voted that article of providing for more schooling for Small Children in Inglish Schools Shall Be Postponed to March Meeting

Voted that the Select men Shall waight on Abner Lee for the Performance of his agreement of repairing the Heighway across the Second Division of Lots Near the South End of Amherst till the Laist Day of May Next and if it is not then Repar,<sup>d</sup> the Select Men Shall auder the Treasurer to Prosecute Abner Lee.

Attest.

MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

Meeting March y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> A D 1773

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting hous on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Day of March A D 1773 at Nine of the Clock in the morning

Voted as follows (viz) Voted John Billings Moderator

Voted Seth Coleman Destrict Clerk

Voted Simeon Strong Esq. Treasurer

Voted John Dickinson Moses Dickinson Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Ebenezer Mattoon Ruben Dickinson Select men

Voted Ebenezar Mattoon Moses Dickinson Ruben Dickinson Assesers

Voted Ruben Ingram Simeon Smith Constables



Voted to Adjurn this Meeting for the Space of one hour and then meet at this place

Voted Nathan Dickinson, Jonathan Smith, Isaac Hubbard Daniel Dickinson, Martain Kellogg Thomas Hastings Surveyers of highways

Voted Martain Smith Hezekiah Belding Joseph Church tything Men

Voted Jonathan Cowles Nath. Coleman fens Vewers

Voted Elishar Dickinson Elisher Goodale, Aaron Warner Jn<sup>r</sup> Simeon Elmer Joseph Smith Hogreeves

Voted Jonathan Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Moody Jn<sup>r</sup> Deer reeves

Voted Thomas Hastings Seler of Leather

Voted that Hogs shall run ring,<sup>d</sup> and yoke,<sup>d</sup> according to Law from the Midle of May Next to the first of September Next

Voted Martain Smith oliver Cowles Philip Ingram Wardens

Voted to allow five month schooling to Each Quarter of the town in the Insuing year in that Part of the year when the Select men Shall Judg most profatable for the Inheabitants

Voted to adjurn to the School hous Near Landlord Fields hous

Voted that the Preambulatry of the Line between Hadley & Amherst Lately run by the Selectmen of Hadley and Amherst be accepted as follows (viz) from the bay rode to the W. M. tree Standing at the Southwest Corner of John Billings Lot and no further; this being the report of the Selectmen as by them returned

Voted to Allow Peletiah Smith the Sum of three pounds as reward for the County rode Lately Laid a Cross his Lot in the third Division

Voted to Allow Nathan Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup>, three pounds a[s] a reward for the County Road Laid a Cross his Lot in the third Division.

Voted to accept of the Report of a Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen to Set of a bit of Land to Simeon Strong Esq. before his dore (viz) beginning twenty feet wide against where his old barn stood runing to a point against his barn as it now Stands Containing about Six Rods apprais,<sup>d</sup> at three shillings

Voted to Allow Nathen Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> Preserved Clap Province Rate for the year 1771

Attest JOHN BILLINGS Moderator

The Report of the Select Men for a Heighway which is as follows (viz)

Amherst february y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1773 this May inform that we the Subscribers have Laid a town Rode through Peter Smiths Lot whear on his hous Stands (viz) on the South Side Beginning at the East End of Said Lot, Beginning at a Stake and Stones Runing Westerly two hundred & twenty eaight rods west on Said Smiths South Line Said way to be two Rods in width

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| MOSES DICKINSON  | } Select Men of Amherst |
| JOHN DICKINSON   |                         |
| JOHN BILLINGS    |                         |
| NATH'L DICKINSON |                         |
| RUBEN DICKINSON  |                         |

the above report of the select men for a Rode Voted

Attest JOHN BILLINGS Moderator

The Report of the Select men for a Heighway which is as follows (viz)

Minutes of a highway Laid out by the Select men of Amherst on the flat hills, beginning at a Stake & Stones near the foot of the hill and runing N. 7 deg 30 min Est 19 rods th[en] N. 22 deg Est 14 rods to a black oak stadle then N. 10 deg Est 25 rods the N. 33 deg 30 min Est 24 rods to a black oak tree then N. 26 deg East 12





rods & [half] to a Stake, then North 23 rods then N. 13 deg 30 min E<sup>t</sup>. 28 rods to a heap of Stones, then N: 10 deg wst. 19 rods & 12 Links then N: 3 deg 30 min W<sup>t</sup>. 22 rods<sup>s</sup>, then N 5 deg 40 min E<sup>t</sup>. 15 rods to a heap of Stones then North 44 rods to Shutesbury road said rode to be four rods in wedth

P<sup>r</sup> SIMEON PARSONS Surveyer

the Above reporte of the Select men for a Rode Voted

Attest JOHN BILLINGS Moderator

Meeting April y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>. A D 1773

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amhears holden at the Meeting Hous on Wednesday the fourteenth Day of April A D 1773 at one of the Clock after Noon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted. to be at the Expence of twelve month schooling for gramer schooling in the Winter Ceson

Voted to Build two Meetinghouses in the District of Amherst

Voted that Timothy Green Shall have Liberty to fence and Improve all the town way between the front of his lot and the County Rode for the space of two year and then fling it up to Commonage weell seeded to grass

Voted to Exchange Sum of the Heighway with Noah Dickinson for sum of his Land

Voted to Chuse a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the purpus above and that they make Reporte to Sum futer Meeting

Voted De<sup>n</sup>. Jonathan Edwards Daniel Kellogg and Joseph Church be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus above

The Petition of Sundry of the Inheabitants to be free,<sup>d</sup> from the Charge of Building two Meeting houses (as has bin Voted above) was Consider,<sup>d</sup> and Paist in the Negative &c

Meeting January 3<sup>d</sup>: AD 1774

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting Hous on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of January 1774 at Nine of the Clock in the Morning and Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted to accept of the Bills as they have bin Red and Corrected and that the assessers be impowered to Leavey a tax for raising the Same

Voted to allow the Re<sup>v</sup><sup>d</sup> David Parsons his Salery as in years paist and that the Assesers Leavey a Tax for Raising the Same

Voted to Adjurn this Meeting for the Space of one Hour and then to meet at this place

Voted to Make answer to the Petition of Sundry of the Inheabitats of Amherst and the Citation thereby Sent from the general Court

Voted to Chouse a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Draw up said answer and forward the Same to the general Court

Voted Moses Dickinson Lev<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson. Moses Smith Ruben Dickinson Joseph Williams Eli Parker Ebenezar Dickinson be the Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus above.

Voted to Leave the Conduct of the affears for which the Com<sup>tee</sup> [were] Chosen to be Conducted by them as they Shall think best for the Town

Voted to Divide the District of Amherst by an East and west line from the Centre of the Meeting House as it now Stands by a Large Majority



Voted to Chews a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus above

Voted To refer it to the former Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen to make Answer to the Courts Citation

MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

Meeting January 26<sup>th</sup> AD 1774

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting Hous on Wetnesday y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Day of January at Nine of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> morning Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted to Choose two Agents to Refer a Petition to the General Court to obtain the Division of the Distrect of Amherst as it was voted in the Laist Meeting

Voted that Moses Dickinson be one of the Agents above

Voted that Rubin Dickinson be the other

Voted that these Agents be impower<sup>d</sup> to Draw Money out of the Treasury to Defray the Necessary Chardges of S.<sup>d</sup> Petition

Voted that the Select Men be Impower<sup>d</sup> to give auder upon the Treasurer to Draw out twelve pound of money for the above S.<sup>d</sup> Agents to Defray their Necessary Chardges of S.<sup>d</sup> Petition

Voted to Authourise two Men to Make answer to the general Courts Citation in Consequence of a Petition of a Number of the Inheabitans of Amherst

Voted Ruben Dickinson be one of the Agents

Voted Moses Dickinson Be the other

Voted to Chews a Com<sup>tee</sup> of Corispondence to Refer with the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Corispondance in the Town of Boston

Voted Ruben Dickinson Joseph Williams Moses Dickinson Jacob McDaniel Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson be the Com<sup>tee</sup> affore S.<sup>d</sup>

Voted that the Com<sup>tee</sup> Draw up a Letter for the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Corispondance in Boston to Be Red in the Next Meeting

MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

Meeting March 14<sup>th</sup> 1774

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting hous on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of March A D 1774 at Nine of the Clock in the morning Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted Seth Coleman District Clerk

Voted Simeon Strong Esq District Treasurer

Voted Ruben Dickinson John Dickinson Moses Dickinson Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Ebenezar Mattoon Selectmen

Voted Moses Dickinson John Dickinson Ruben Dickinson Assessors

Voted Oliver Cowles John Williams Constables

Voted Henerey Jonson Frankling Enos Coleman Gideon Dickinson Jnr Edward Smith Tything Men

Voted To adjurn this Meeting for the Space of one hour and then Meet at this Place

Voted Abner Adams Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson 3<sup>d</sup> Alexan<sup>d</sup> Smith Nathan Dickinson Jnr Noah Smith Timotheey Green Gideon Dickinson Surveyers of Highways

Voted to Do Heighway Worke this year by the Pole

Voted that Town Heighways Shall be Put in Repar Equally With the County Rods



- Voted Asael Moody Martain Kellogg Dearrifs  
 Voted Jonathan Cowles Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman fens Vewers  
 Voted Thomas Hastings Seler of Leather  
 Voted Moses Cook Jonathan Moody Jnr John Billings Daniel Church Bar-  
 nabas Sabins Samuel Henery Hogrifs  
 Voted Joseph Church Surveyer of Lumber  
 Voted Noah Dickinson, Lieut. William Boltwood Isaac Hubbard Wardens  
 Voted to allow Samuel goulds Bill for Sweeping the Meeting hous and  
 fastening the Dors (viz) £1-0-4  
 Voted to Chews a Com<sup>tee</sup> to wait upon the Courts Com<sup>tee</sup> that is to Repare to  
 Amherst to Discide the Dispute respecting the Division of Amherst &c  
 Voted Ruben Dickinson Moses Dickinson Moses Smith be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above  
 Voted to Allow the Com<sup>tee</sup> above a Reasonable reward for their Cervices  
 Voted to Accept of the Letter of Correspondance Drawn up by the Com<sup>tee</sup>  
 Chosen y<sup>e</sup> Laist Meeting to Refer with the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Correspond in Boston as it  
 hath bin Now red

Voted that the same should be Recorded on y<sup>e</sup> town book &c

Att MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

#### Letter of Correspondence

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inheabitants of the District of Amherst in the County of Hampshire on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January Laist, it was Voted that the Letter Receiv<sup>d</sup> from the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Correspondance in the town of Boston should be red and Consider,<sup>d</sup>—whereupon the following gentlemen, vizt. Moses Dickinson Ruben Dickinson, Jacob McDaniel, Nathain<sup>l</sup> Dickinson, & Joseph Williams were Chosen and appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup> to prepar an answer at their Next Annual Meeting in March when the following was submitted to the Consideration of Said District

To the Respectable Committee of Correspondence in the town of Boston  
 Gent<sup>n</sup>

We think it needless to Recapitulate all these grievances Which we suffer in Common with our opprest Brethren and Neighbors. Sufficient to Say that tho we have been Long silent we are not insensible of the oppressions we suffer and the ruin which threatens us or regardlis of the Diabolical Designs of our Mercenary and Manevolent Enemies Foreign and Domestic and are ready not onley to risque but even to Sacrifice our Lives and Properties in Defence of our just rights & liberties at Present we are only Galled not subdued and think ourselves heapy in having such vigilant and faithfull gardians of our rights in the Metropolis on hoom we Can Depend to Call on us in Season to unite with our suffering Countrymen in the Common Cause of America we hope and beg that you will Still Persevere in that most Honorble & important Imployment of watching over us with the Same Care and Fidelity which has hitherto Distinguish,<sup>d</sup> & grately Dignified your Characters in the Estimation of all who have a just sence of that best of Blessings Liberty & an Equal abhorrence of that tame submission which tends to Entail on our Posterity that worst of Curses Slavery

Every Avenue to the Royal Ear seems to be blocked up by the gross falsities & Design<sup>d</sup> Misrepresentations of those from sum of whom at Least we might have Expected better things but there is a King who Cannot be Deceived & who will not be mocked who has pointed out a never failing resource when Petitions & Remonstances. Truth & justice are unsuccessfully opposed to Tironey and Oppres-



sion falshood & Corruption & when you feel that impulse which will not brook longer Delay, the wisdom of the People will naturally write in the mode of the best Appeal, to which you most Distant Brethren Expect to be summoned unless prevent,<sup>d</sup> by a sudding unexpected & very favourable Chande of affears. their are whom Justice forbids to live but whom we would spare to Convince the world we Despise their utmost hate & malicious Cunning. the Colonies united are invinciably free & we dout not you are Convinc<sup>d</sup> that the Preservation of that union outweighs every other Consideration and is at Present our most Important Concern. while that is secure we have nothing to fear but may Laugh at all attempts to Enslave us we know of no punishment which Can be Inflicted on those vilens in Exalted Stations adequate to their own reflections & remorse accompany<sup>d</sup> with our Neglect, Contempt & Detestation but at the same time should think ourselves happier if Every banefull Noxious weed Could by aney means be Eradicated from this our fair garden of Liberty. we Entirely approve & Concurr with you in every measure hitherto adopted & Conducted & return our gratefull thanks to the People of Boston & the Neighboring towns in a Perticuler manner for the seasonable Indeavours & mandley opposition to prevent the Landing of the East India Companys teas which Plan we are Convinc<sup>d</sup> was artefully Projected to open the gate for the admition of Tyrany & oppression with all their Rapacious followers to Stalk at Large & uncontrol,<sup>d</sup> to Ravage our fare & Dear bought Possessions. Every measure which shall appear Conducive to the Publick good we are warranted to asure you will always be approved & support,<sup>d</sup> by a Large Majorrrity in this District and [y?]our Continual Correspondence as Long as you shall think occation requires meet with Due respect & attention we are in behalf of the District very Respectfully

Gent<sup>m</sup> your oblig<sup>d</sup> & most h<sup>ble</sup>, serv<sup>ts</sup>

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| MOSES DICKINSON              | } Committee |
| REUBEN DICKINSON             |             |
| JACOB MCDANIEL               |             |
| NATH <sup>LL</sup> DICKINSON |             |
| JOSEPH WILLIAMS              |             |

Voted that the above be Recorded and an attes<sup>d</sup> Copy be Transfer<sup>d</sup> to the Honourable Com<sup>tee</sup> of Correspondance in the town of Boston

Meeting May 23<sup>d</sup> 1774

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting hous on Monday the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of May A D 1774 at two of the Clock in the afternoon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Ruben Dickinson Moderator

Voted to send Ruben Dickinson as an agent to the general Court to hear the Repourt of the Courts Committee

Voted that the above said agent shall Conduct the affear as he shall think best for the town

Voted to furnish the agent with money

Voted to Impower the Selectmen to Draw out Sevenpound of money for the agent above to Defray his Necessary Chardges

Voted to Accept of the Jurys as they have bin red &c

RUBEN DICKINSON Moderator

Meeting Sept 20<sup>h</sup> 1774

Att a Meeting of District of Amherst on Tuesday y<sup>m</sup> 20<sup>h</sup> of Sept 1774 Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Moderator





Voted to Chose a Com<sup>tee</sup> of Correspondence as a Standing Com<sup>tee</sup>

Voted Moses Dickinson Joseph Eastman Jacob McDaniel John Dickinson & Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jr<sup>r</sup> be the Com<sup>tee</sup> affore Said

Voted to Chose three Deligates to Meet in behalf of the District at Northampton on y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> of Inst Sept.

Voted Moses Dickinson Jacob McDaniel & John Dickinson be the Deligates affore Said &c

NATH<sup>LL</sup> DICKINSON Moderator

Meeting October 3<sup>d</sup> 1774

Att a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inheabitants of the District Amherst Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs on Monday the third day of October A. D. 1774 Pursuant to the Warrant

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Moses Dickinson be a Moderator to Govern said meeting

Voted Unanimously to Send one Delegate and but one to attend at the Provential Congress at Concord affore Said

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jr<sup>r</sup> be the Person to attend to the Provincial Congress at Concord above Mentioned

Attest MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

Meeting January 2<sup>d</sup> 1775

Att a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Qualified to Vote for a Representative on Monday the second Day of January 1775 at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon Pursuant to a Legal Warrant for that purpose

Voted that Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jr<sup>r</sup> be a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

Voted to Send one Delagate & but one to attend y<sup>e</sup> Provential Congress to be holden at Cambridge on y<sup>e</sup> first Day of february Next or sooner if Call<sup>d</sup> for

Voted that Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson jun<sup>r</sup> be the Delegate to attend to the Provential Congress to be holden at Cambridge as affore S<sup>d</sup>

Attest NATH<sup>LL</sup> DICKINSON for moderator.

Meeting February 23<sup>d</sup>

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting hous on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> twenty third Day of February 1775 at Nine of the Clock in the morning Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jr<sup>r</sup> Bill for going to the two Provential Congresses Paist

Voted to allow all the Bills as they have bin red & Corrected for the year Paist

Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Peirs our Proportional part of his Chardges for going to attend the general Court Laist may Cession

Voted to Impower the Assesers to Leavey a tax Sufficient to Defray the Bills that have bin red & Corrected & also to Pay the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons<sup>s</sup> Salery as in years paist

Voted to Rais a sum of Money sufficient to pay for the Schooling the Town is indebted for in the year Paist to be Assesst in the Next tax

Voted to Adjurn for the space of one hour and then to Meet at this Place

Voted to Purchase one Hunded & fifty weight of Powder & Led & flints answerable

Voted that the Money for the Payment of the Same be immediately assesst



Voted that all the Province Money Still Remaining in the hanes of the Constables & not Paid to Hearison gray be Paid in to Henry Gardner Esq of Stow

Voted to Chose a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Receive the Money of the Constables & Pay it to Henry Gardner Esq of Stow & take his Recp<sup>t</sup> for the Same

Voted to Chose five Men as a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpus above

Voted that Joseph Eastman Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> Ebenezar Boltwood Simeon Clark & Moses Dickinson be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above

Voted that the Constables Shall Pay in all the Province Money yet remaining in their Hands & not Paid to Hearison Gray, to the Com<sup>tee</sup> above Chosen for that Purpus

Voted that if the Com<sup>tee</sup> or Either of them Produce a Recp<sup>t</sup> from Henry Gardner Esq of the Payment of any Part of the Province tax to him this District will Indemnifi Said Com<sup>tee</sup> for such money so paid

Voted to Chose a Com<sup>tee</sup> who shall Borrow or other wise Procure such Sum or Sumes of money as yet Remain to be Collected by the Constables Chosen by this District for the year 1774 and pay the Money to Henry gardner Esq of Stow

Voted that Joseph Eastman Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> Ebenezar Boltwood Simeon Clark & Moses Dickinson be the Com<sup>tee</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> purpus above

Voted that when the Constables for the year 1774 have Collected the Province Tax for said year that they Shall Pay the Same to the above Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen for that Purpus

Voted that if the Constables for y<sup>e</sup> year 1774 Produce a recp<sup>t</sup> from y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> or Either of them for the Payment of any part of the Province Tax to them or Either of them this District will indemnifi ye Sd. Constables for such Money so paid

Voted that this District will use their Utmost Indeavour to ascist the Constables in Collecting their taxes

Voted to Chose a Com<sup>tee</sup> of Inspection who shall Exert themselves in Causing the association of the Continental Congress as also a Resolve of the Provincial Congress Pais<sup>d</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> first Day of December laist for Carying into Execution the association to be truly adhear<sup>d</sup> to & Executed as also to suppress all Pedlers & Petty Chapmen -

Voted Noah Dickinson Nathan Dickinson Hezekiah Belding Joseph Williams, Isaac Hubbard Ebenezer Dickinson, Gideon Dickinson John Billings Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above

Voted to Chose a Com<sup>tee</sup> who shall Cary a subscription Paper to the several Pheamileys within this District to give them an oportunity to subscribe such things as they shall Pleas for the Relief of the Poor of Boston & Charletown and Make Return thereof to March Meeting

Voted Ebenezor Mattoon Ebenezar Eastman Jonathan Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> Joel Moody Nathan Dickinson jn<sup>r</sup> be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above

Attest: MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Qualified to vote in Town affairs on Teusday the twenty eighth Day of March A D 1775 at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon Pursuant to a Legal Warrant for that purpose

Voted That Moses Dickinson be a Moderator to govern said meeting

Voted That Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> be the Clerk for this District the ensuing year



Voted. That Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> be the Treasurer for this District the ensuing year,

Voted. That Moses Dickinson, John Dickinson, Reuben Dickinson, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson and Ebenezer Mattoon be the Select men for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Joseph Eastman, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> and Moses Dickinson be the Assessors for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Robert Emmons and James Merrick be the Constables for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Timothy Green, Isaac Hubbard, Reuben Dickinson, Henry Franklin, Thomas Bascom, and Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> be surveyors of Highways the ensuing year

Voted. Thomas Bascom, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup>, Edward Smith, Joel Billings Elezer Cows, and Elisha Smith be the Tythingmen for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Joseph Dickinson & Eli Parker be Fence viewers for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Barnabas Edy, Abner Adams, Israel Dickinson, Elezer Cows, Samuel Boltwood, Gideon Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> and John Billing Jun<sup>r</sup> be Hogreaves for this District the ensuing year

Voted That Thomas Hastings be a sealer of Leather for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Elisha Ingraham be added to the Committee appointed to receive and pay the Province monies to Henry Gardner Esq<sup>r</sup>

Voted. That Philip Ingraham be paid the sum of one Pound four Shillings by order of the Select men out of the District Treasury

Voted. That this District Doth approve of Elisha Ingraham as a Tavern keeper and recommend it to the selectmen that they grant him their approbation for the same

Attest MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst assembled at the meeting hous in S<sup>d</sup> District on the fourth Day of May 1775—

Voted. John Billings Moderator

Voted. To choose a Committee to provide Stores for the support of the Army collected at Cambridge & Towns around

Voted. M<sup>r</sup> McDaniell, Simeon Smith, John Billings, Daniel Kellogg, Alexander Smith be a Comtee for that Purpose

Voted. That the Committee chosen act Discretionary in providing stores

Attest JOHN BILLINGS Moderator

Voted. Upon the general clause in the Warrant Joseph Eastman Moderator The Town enters into the examination of M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Chauncey

Voted. Not satisfied with his answer to the charge laid against him

Voted. That s<sup>t</sup> Chauncey should Burn all his Commissions he had ever received from the King, and also commit his Fire arms into the hands of the Select men of the District

Voted. To Adjourn the meeting to the s<sup>d</sup> meeting house untill Teusday the ninth Day of May Current at one of the Clock in the Afternoon

Voted. Not satisfied with the answer given by John Nash to the charge made against him



At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Pursuant to Adjournment on Teusday the Ninth Day of May at one of the Clock in the afternoon

Voted. that John Nash should Destroy his Commission received from Authority that then they would be satisfied

Voted. That the Arms of Josiah Chauncey should be returned to him

Attest JOSEPH EASTMAN Moderator

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Qualified to vote for a Representative on Wednesday the twenty fourth of May 1775 at four of the Clock in the Afternoon Pursuant to a Legal Warrant for that purpose

Voted. To choose one Delegate to attend the Provincial Congress to be holden at Watertown on the thirty first instant

Voted. That said Delegate be chosen by hand vote

Voted. That Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> be the Delegate to attend the Congress to be holden at Watertown on the thirty first of this Instant May

Voted. That the selectmen Borrow the sum of Six Pounds to Defray the expence of said Delegate unless paid him by the Constables before he attends the Congress

Voted. That the Committee of Correspondence & Inspection heretofore chosen continue in their offices

Voted. That said Committees act accordingly to the Directions of Congress

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| Attest | MOSES DICKINSON   | } Select men |                 |
|        | JOHN DICKINSON    |              | of the District |
|        | NATH'LL DICKINSON |              | of Amherst      |

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Qualified to Vote for a Representative on the tenth Day of July 1775 Pursuant to a Legal warrant for that purpose

Voted. To choose one Representative and but one to attend at the General Assembly to be holden at Watertown on the Nineteenth Current

Voted. That M<sup>r</sup> Moses Dickinson be the Representative to attend the Assembly abovesaid

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| Attest | JOHN DICKINSON    | } Select men |
|        | NATH'LL DICKINSON |              |

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Qualified to vote in Town affairs on thursday August the tenth 1775

Voted Joseph Eastman Moderator

Voted—To choose a Committee to go to M<sup>r</sup> Parsons & Desire him to attend the meeting

Voted—That John Dickinson, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson & John Billings be the Committee

Voted. To suspend any further proceeding respecting the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons for the present

Voted—That Simeon Smith, Thomas Hastings, & D<sup>n</sup> Simeon Clarke be added to the Committee of Correspondence

Attest JOSEPH EASTMAN Moderator





RECORDS OF  
Town of Amherst, Mass.\*

1776-1865.

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[Henceforward in the records of Amherst is always spoken of as a town. Legally, however, it did not become a town until the Act of March 23, 1786.]

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst (Qualified to vote in town affairs) on Wednesday the twenty fourth Day of January AD 1776 at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon Pursuant to a Legal warrant for that purpose

Voted. Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

Voted—To allow the Bills that have been read

Voted. To empower the Assessors to Assess a sum on the Inhabitants of this town sufficient to pay the Bills that have been read as also twenty six Pounds to support schooling and the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons's salary

Voted—To Grant a sum of money for the support of schooling

Voted—That twenty six Pounds be granted for the support of schooling

Voted. To choose a Committee of Correspondence

Voted—that the said Committee consist of seven

Voted. That Capt<sup>n</sup> Reuben Dickinson, Leiv<sup>t</sup> Simeon Smith, Moses Dickinson Esq Leiv<sup>t</sup> Elijah Baker, Simon Fobes, Ebenezer Mattoon and Martin Kellogg be the said Committee

Attest

MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst on Monday the twenty fifth Day of March, 1776

Vot<sup>d</sup> Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

Vot<sup>d</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

Vot<sup>d</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurer

Vot<sup>d</sup> Joseph Eastman, Joseph Williams, Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Simeon Smith, Simeon Dickinson selectmen

Voted. Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Joseph Eastman Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Assessors

Voted—Martin Smith, & Lemuel Moody Constables

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\*February 13, 1759 the second precinct of Hadley became the district of Amherst and on March 23, 1786, the district became legally the *Town of Amherst*.



Voted Daniel Kellogg, Jonathan Smith, Josiah Warner, David Smith, L<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson, Joel Billings, Surveyors of Highways—Voted Thomas Hastings Sealer of Leather—Voted. Joseph Dickinson, Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman Fence Viewers—Voted—Elisha Ingram, Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> James Merrick John Nash, Elisha Smith, Tythingmen—Vot<sup>d</sup> Henry Franklin, Ebenezer Boltwood, Zacheriah Hawley, Elezer Cows, John Lee, Joseph Peck, Hogreeves.

Vot<sup>d</sup> Jacob McDaniell, Noah Dickinson, Noah Smith, Wardens.

Voted. To Choose Nine men for a Committee of Correspondence

Voted. That Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Elijah Baker, Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Dickinson Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> James Merrick, L<sup>t</sup> Simeon Smith, Joseph Eastman John Billing, Ebenezer Dickinson be the Committe of Correspondence

Voted—That Hogs Yoked & rung according to Law be allowed to run in the Commons from the middle of May to the middle of August—Voted—To raise a sum of money to repair the highways—Vot<sup>d</sup>—To raise Sixty Pounds to repair the Heighways—Voted—To allow two shillings and eight Pence per Day for work in summer and two shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for work in fall

Voted—That the Assessors proceed by the Laist List to make the Assessment

Voted—That the Assessors be empowered to assess the Sum of Sixty Pounds to repair the Heighways—Vot<sup>d</sup>—That Samuel Henry have Leave to take earth from under the meeting-house to make Salt Petre

Attest MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Qualified to vote for a Representative May the 22<sup>d</sup>. 1776

Voted—M<sup>r</sup> John Billing a Representative the ensuing year

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| Attest | MOSES DICKINSON  | } Select men<br>of<br>Amherst |
|        | JOSEPH WILLIAMS  |                               |
|        | SIMEON DICKINSON |                               |

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst June 13<sup>th</sup> 1776

Voted Joseph Eastman Moderator

Voted Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> to take Recognizances of Debts

Voted—That should the Honourable Congress, for the safety of the united Colonies in America: Declare them Independant of the Kingdom of Great-Britain: We the Inhabitants of the town of Amherst solemnly engage with our lives and fortunes to support them in the measure—And that this Resolve be transmitted to our Representative in General Assembly as instructons to him

Attest

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst (qualified to vote in town affairs) the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1777

Vot<sup>d</sup> Joseph Williams Moderator

Vot<sup>d</sup> two Shillings per day for work Done at Bridges in the fall & Spring

Vot<sup>d</sup> two Shilling & eight pence p<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at Bridges in Summer

Vot<sup>d</sup> Seven Shillings & Six Pence per Hundred for two inch Oak Plank

Vot<sup>d</sup> To allow the Bills as read and corrected

Voted. To Grant twenty five pounds to procure a town Stock of Ammunition

Voted. To Grant thirty pounds to pay for Schooling

Vot<sup>d</sup> to adjourn till tomorrow at twelve O'Clock

At a meeting pursuant to the above adjournment



Vot<sup>d</sup> To empower the Assessors to Assess a Sum on the Inhabitants of this town which shall be sufficient to pay the Bills that have been read & accepted

Vot<sup>d</sup> To empower the Assessors to Assess a sum on the Inhabitants of this town which shall be sufficient to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons his salary untill the annual meeting of the Inhabitants of this town in March next

Vot<sup>d</sup> to improve English Schoolmasters only—Vot<sup>d</sup>—That the conduct of the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons is not friendly with regard to the Common Cause

Vot<sup>d</sup> To Choose a Committee to inform M<sup>r</sup> Parsons of the preceeding vote

Vot<sup>d</sup> That D<sup>n</sup> Clarke, D<sup>n</sup> Edwards, Joseph Williams, Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and Elijah Baker be the Committee

Vot<sup>d</sup> That the Treasurer be Directed to Collect the money Due to the town to procure a town stock of Ammunition

Attest

JOSEPH WILLIAMS Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst March 24<sup>th</sup> 1777

Voted. Joseph Eastman Moderator

Voted Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk and Town Treasurer

Voted, Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup>, John Billing, Capt Reuben Dickinson Elijah Baker, Joseph Williams Select-men

Vot<sup>d</sup> Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> John Billing, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Assesors.

Voted, John Billing, Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Dickinson, Elijah Baker, Nat<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun James Merrick, Joseph Williams, Joseph Dickinson be the Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety

Voted, Martin Kellogg and Moses Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Constables

Voted, Henry J. Franklin, Eben<sup>r</sup> Eastman, Ezra Rood, Timothy Green Jun<sup>r</sup> David Blodgett, D<sup>n</sup> Simeon Clarke Surveyors of Highways

Voted, Oliver Cows, Chiliaab Smith, Enos Coleman, Elijah Hastings Tything-men

Voted, Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon, Elisha Ingram, Simeon Dickinson, Edward Smith Reuben Ingram Wardens.—Voted Simeon Peck Jun<sup>r</sup> Elihu Hubbard Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Ezra Rood, Isaac Goodale Jun<sup>r</sup> Hogreeves

Vot<sup>d</sup> Joseph Dickinson, Enos Coleman Fence Viewers—Vot<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hastings Sealer of Leather—Vot<sup>d</sup> Joseph Church Surveyor of Lumber

Voted, to adjourn to Wednesday next one O'Clock Afternoon—At a meeting pursuant to the above adjournment, Voted, to repair the Highways by a rate—

Voted, To Grant forty Pounds in addition to what was not expended of the last highway rate for the repair of ways the present year—Voted—To allow two shillings & eight pence for work in summer and two shillings for work in the fall—Voted—That if any Person refuse to work his proportion of the Assessment for the repair of Heighways, the Assessors be empowered to issue their Warrant to the Surveyor to Collect the money of such Delinquent. Vot<sup>d</sup> to empower the Assessors to Assess the sum of forty pound on the inhabitants of this town to repair the publick roads—Voted That the surveyors first call upon those to work who Did not Pay the whole of the last Assessment for the repair of Highways

Attest

JOSEPH EASTMAN Moderator

At a Town Meeting Holden at Amherst the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of April 1777 Capt Eli Parker Chosen Moderator—

Voted—To accept the Nomination made by the Select men of Amherst for filling the Juror Boxes for the Superior & Inferior Courts

Attest

ELI PARKER Moderator



At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst holden there on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1777

Voted Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator—Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon, Joseph Williams, Henry J. Franklin, Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup>, & Hezekiah Belding be a Committee to prosecute Breaches of the regulating Act

Voted. To Adjourn this meeting to Monday ye 7<sup>th</sup> Day of July next at 4 o'Clock P. M.

July 7<sup>th</sup> Being met according to Adjournment the Selectmen exhibited to the Town a List of the Names of Such Persons as they supposed to be Inimical to the Interest of the United States (viz) L<sup>t</sup> John Field, Eben<sup>r</sup> Boltwood, Isaac Goodale, William Boltwood

Voted To Adjourn this meeting to tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Day of July next at 1 o'Clock afternoon July 15<sup>th</sup>. Being met according to Adjournment. Voted that L<sup>t</sup> John Field's name be erased from the list laid before the town by the Select men—Voted. To reconsider the last preceeding vote—Voted. Elijah Baker procure and lay before the Court the Evidence that may be had against the Persons thought Inimical by the town—Voted. To Adjourn this meeting to Teusday the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of August next at 1 o'Clock afternoon

August 12<sup>th</sup> being met according to Adjournment

Voted—that L<sup>t</sup> John Field's Name be struck out of the List

Voted that Eben<sup>r</sup> Boltwood's Name be struck out of the list

Voted—that Isaac Goodale's Name be struck out of the list

Voted—that William Boltwood's Name struck out of the list

Attest MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst January y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1778

Voted—Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Dickinson Moderator

Voted to accept the Bills as read and corrected

Voted—That the Assessors be empowered to Assess a sum of money on the Inhabitants of this town sufficient to pay the Bills that are accepted as also to Pay M<sup>r</sup> Parsons his Salary for the year past and to pay what was not paid him for his Salary ending with April 1777

Voted. To allow twelve shillings P<sup>r</sup> Hundred feet of two inch oak plank

Voted. To Grant fifty pounds to support the schools

Voted—that the Assessors make the town rate by the last list taken

Attest REUBEN DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst March y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1778

Voted M<sup>r</sup> John Billings Moderator—Voted. To consider the second Article in the Warrant—Voted—That Persons not owning Independance on the Crown of Great Britain agreeable to the Declaration of Congress shall not vote—Voted. Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk and town Treasurer—Voted. Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Joseph Williams, Cap<sup>t</sup> Ruben Dickinson Elijah Baker, John Billing Select men—Voted. John Billing, Elijah Baker Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Assessors—Voted —Joseph Williams, Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Dickinson, Elijah Baker, Joseph Dickinson, Josiah Warner, L<sup>t</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon, John Billing Committee of Correspondence &c.

Voted. David Blodget & Henry J. Franklin Constables

Voted. Stephen Smith, Waitstill Dickinson, Simeon Peck, Daniel Kellogg Jun<sup>r</sup> Noah Smith, Ezra Rood Surveyors of Highways





Voted—Oliver Clapp, Joseph Dickinson, Joel Moody, Simeon Peck Tything-men—Voted L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hastings Sealer of Leather

Voted John Ingram, James Hendrick, Deer Reeves

Voted—Noadiah Smith, Enos Cows, Elijah Baker Jun<sup>r</sup> Azariah Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Simeon Peck Jun<sup>r</sup> Paul Newton, Aaron Dickinson Hogreeves

Voted—Timothy Green, Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Fence viewers

Voted. that the Select men proportion the money Due on the Highway rate to the surveyors for the present year

Attest JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Amherst November 14<sup>th</sup> 1777

Voted Mr. John Billing Moderator.

Voted to Grant fifty Pounds for the purpose of maintaining schools the current year

Attest JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 26<sup>th</sup> 1778

Voted Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

Voted Enos Dickinson Constable

Voted. To release Lemuel Moodey from collecting the whole of the rates assessed on Oliver Smith for the year 1776—Voted—To reimburse to Lemuel Moodey the sum of four Dollars for a Counterfeit Bill received by him in part for a rate collected by him—Voted—To allow six shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at Heighways the preceeding year—Voted to adjourn to thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of April next at Nine o'Clock forenoon

April 16<sup>th</sup> 1778. Then being met according to adjournment—Voted—To Choose a Committee to seat the meeting house; That said Committee Consist of seven: That Elijah Baker L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hastings Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Dickinson Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker John Billing, Jonath<sup>n</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> and Nath<sup>n</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> be the Committee aforesaid—Voted—That the Committee proceed according to Age, Estate & Qualifications.

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Amherst April 30<sup>th</sup> 1778

Voted Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator—Voted To except of the Nomination made by the Select men for Jurymen—Voted—That swine Yoked & ring<sup>d</sup> according to Law be allowed to run at large—Voted. to Leave it to the Select men of Amherst to agree with the Select men of Leverett for the settlement of the Line Between Amherst & Leverett by leaving it to indifferent men from the Neighbouring Towns

Attest , MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst September 4<sup>th</sup> 1778

Voted Elijah Baker Moderator—

Voted Isaac Hubbard and Nath<sup>n</sup> Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Collectors of Taxes—

Voted. That the Select men Prosecute an Appeal from a Judgment of the Inferior Court in favour of Simeon Strong against David Blodget—and prefer a Petition to the General Assembly respecting the same



At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Nov<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1778

Voted John Billing Moderator.—Voted. To Grant one hundred pounds for the use and maintenance of schools—Voted—That the Persons who send scholars shall provide wood for the schools—Voted—That the Selectmen be empowered to Draw money out of the town treasury to Defray the expence they have been at or may be at in Defending a suit brought against David Blodget by M<sup>r</sup> Simeon Strong—

Voted—That the Town is Desirous to have a new Constitution formed—Voted —That the Committee of Correspondence &c of this Town confer with the Committees of the Neighbouring Towns respecting calling a County Convention to consider some method to procure a Constitution

Attest

JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778

Voted Elijah Baker Moderator—Voted that the Select men build a House for the Use of the Poor of this Town of such bigness and in such place as they shall Judge fit—Voted—That a school be kept three months at the North School house also three months in the west Street in the Northern part of the Town the ensuing winter—

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Dec<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1778

Voted M<sup>r</sup> John Billing Moderator—Voted—To give fifteen shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done in the summer season—Voted—To give twelve shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done in the fall season—Voted—To give Seven Dollars P<sup>r</sup> Hundred feet of Oak Plank—Voted—To allow the Assessors three Dollars P<sup>r</sup> Day for making rates—Voted—An addition of five shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day to the Assessors for taking the valuation List—Voted—to Allow the Bills as read & corrected—Voted—To empower the Assessors to assess a sum on the Inhabitants of this town sufficient to pay the Debts allowed, and the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons his yearly Salary—Voted—To Grant the sum of One hundred & sixty six pounds for the maintenance of schools and to empower the Assessors to Assess the same on the Inhabitants of this town—Voted—To choose a Committee to take some measures for Annexing the first Division of Inner Commons in the Town of Hadley to the town of Amherst—Voted—That Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>d</sup> Joseph Eastman and Capt Parker be the Committee—and report their Doings at the next meeting—Voted—To empower the Selectmen to Draw eighteen pounds out of the Town Treasury to Defrays charges in the Town—Voted—That the Select men Draw fifteen pounds out of the Treasury for charges arisen in said town

Attest

JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 7<sup>th</sup> 1779

Voted—Elijah Baker Moderator—Voted—That the money raised for the use of Schooling in the North part of this Town be expended in the North School house—Voted—To hear the Petition of Joseph Boles and choose a Committee to view the Land petitioned for by him and report at the next town meeting—Voted—Cap<sup>t</sup> Dickinson, Joseph Eastman, Hezekiah Belding a Committee for the purpose above mentioned—Voted—That Capt Dickinson go to Hadley and examine the



records concerning the Grant of the Priviledges of the stream near Clarkes mill to certain Persons and make report at next March meeting—Voted—To adjourn the present meeting to Thirsday next at one O'Clock afternoon to meet at the meeting house—Being met according to Adjournment—Voted—To ratify all votes passed at a meeting on the twenty eighth Day of December 1778—Voted—That Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon be added to a Committee on Joseph Boles's petition

On the report of Capt Dickinson—Voted—That the Town of Amherst hath a right to the Stream and Priviledges on Fort River where Clarke's and other Mills now stand

Attest

ELIJAH BAKER Moderator

Joseph Eastman's Mark for Cattle and Sheep is—a Crop on the Near ear and a Slit on the top of the off ear—

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Amherst March 8<sup>th</sup> 1779 Voted—Joseph Williams Moderator—Voted Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk & Treasurer—Voted—To Adjourn for the space of one hour—Met according to adjournment—Voted—James Merrick, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson jun<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Dickinson, Josiah Warner L<sup>t</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon jun<sup>r</sup> Select men—Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson jun<sup>r</sup> James Merrick D<sup>n</sup> Simeon Clarke Assessors—Voted—Isaac Hubbard & John Pettis Constables—Voted—Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck, Timothy Green, Henry J. Franklin Gideon Handerson L<sup>t</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Committee of Correspondence &c—Voted—Stephen Cole, Ezra Rood, Oliver Cows, Thomas Bascom, Thomas Hastings Jun<sup>r</sup> Surveyors of Highways—Voted—Elisha Smith, Alex<sup>r</sup> Smith Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Simeon Clarke Jun<sup>r</sup> Tythingmen—Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Mattoon Jun<sup>r</sup> Waitstill Dickinson, Joel Billing, Thomas Bascom, Simeon Elmore, Isaac Marshall, Hogreeves—Voted—Joel Moody & Martin Kellogg Deer reeves—Voted—L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hastings Scaler of Leather—Voted—Oliver Cows and Timothy Green fence viewers—Voted—Oliver Clapp Collector of Taxes—Voted—That the Surveyors of highways call on people to work at highways and lay their accounts before the Town at their meeting in January next for allowance—Voted—To adjourn to Monday next at one O'Clock afternoon—Met according to adjournment—Voted—To Choose a Committee to write to the Town of Hadley respecting annexing a certain Tract of Land (Lying in Hadley and adjoining to the town of Amherst) to the Town of Amherst—Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Jun<sup>r</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck be the Committee—Voted—That said Committee be Directed to inform the Town of Hadley that in case the whole of one Division of Lots lying in Hadley and adjoining to the town of Amherst and being North of D<sup>n</sup> Clarkes South Line is annexed to the Town of Amherst the town of Amherst will maintain all roads and Bridges within the bounds of S<sup>d</sup> Land—Voted—That the Committee heretofore chosen to view the Land petitioned for by Joseph Boles be Directed to consider the matter further and report at the next meeting—Voted—D<sup>n</sup> Simeon Clarke, Elijah Baker & Gideon Handerson be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Capt Eli Parker and make report at the next meeting—Voted—That Joseph Eastman, Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck, L<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson be appointed to prosecute all Breaches of the Act to prevent Monopoly and Forestalling—Voted—To Build a house for the Poor of the Town of the same Bigness as the foundation already laid for that purpose near Clarkes mill—



Voted—To set said House in Cows Lane so called—Voted—Hezekiah Belding, Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson, Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker and Elijah Baker be a Committee to build said house—Voted—That the Select men be Directed to procure a sum of money on Interest or otherwise to pay Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck for Boarding Moses Hawley & wife according to the Agreement of former Select men—Voted—That the Select men be Directed to procure money on Interest and agree with and Pay Simeon Peck for Boarding Eunice Hawley

JOSEPH WILLIAMS Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 29<sup>th</sup>

1779

Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Moderator—Voted—Waitstill Dickinson & Oliver Clapp Constables—Voted—Simeon Dickinson and John Ingram Surveyors of Highways—Voted—To Grant the sum of three Hundred Pounds for the support of the Poor of the town and replace money taken out of the Treasury and that the assessors be empowered to assess the same on the Inhabitants of this Town—

Voted—To Discontinue the Highway two rods in width in front of Cap<sup>t</sup> Parkers Barn and from thence running Northerly & Southerly on an Angle to the east side of the Heighway so far as to contain twenty rods of ground; and grant the same to Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker—Voted—To Discontinue the Highway where Joseph Boles's tan yard now is three yards in width and six rods in length and grant the same to Joseph Boles he paying the value of the same—Voted—To Discontinue a part of the Highway at the east end of Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoons Lot four rods in width and sixteen rods in length and grant the same to Joseph Boles he paying the value thereof

Attest

NATH<sup>LL</sup> DICKINSON JUN<sup>R</sup> Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 17<sup>th</sup> 1779

Voted. That they chuse at this time to have a new Constitution or Form of Government made—Voted—That they will impower their Representative for the next year to vote for the calling a State Convention for the sole purpose of forming a new Constitution

Voted—To accept the List of Persons to serve as Petit Jurors laid before the town by the Select men

Attest

EBEN<sup>R</sup> MATTOON JUN<sup>R</sup> Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst July 12<sup>th</sup> 1779

Voted Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Moderator After the Due Consideration of the Proceedings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston—M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen to represent this Town in a State Convention to be holden at Concord the 14<sup>th</sup> instant

Attest

NATH<sup>LL</sup> DICKINSON JUN<sup>R</sup> Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst August 9<sup>th</sup>

1779

Voted. L<sup>t</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Jun<sup>r</sup> Moderator—Voted—To chuse a Committee to consider the Doings of a State Convention Begun and held a Concord on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of July last. Said Committee to report to this meeting at the time to which it shall Adjourn—Voted—Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Dickinson, Elijah Baker, John Billing,





Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Gideon Handerson. Hezekiah Belding & Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> be the Committee aforesaid—Voted—That John Billing. D<sup>n</sup> Simeon Clarke Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker, Joseph Eastman, Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon be a Committee to Converse with the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons respecting a settlement with him for all monies Due to him from this town on or before the first Day of May 1779 said Committee to report to this meeting at the time to which it shall adjourn—Voted. To Grant L<sup>t</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Jun<sup>r</sup> forty Pounds for his expence and service in attending a State Convention at Concord on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of July last—Voted. To Adjourn to Teusday the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant at 3 O'Clock afternoon

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1779 Being met according to Adjournment—Voted—That Elijah Baker be appointed to carry on the Suit commenced against David Blodget by Simeon Strong—Voted. That the Treasurer be Directed to Tender to M<sup>r</sup> Parsons the Nominal Sum Due to him for Salary

Attest EBEN<sup>r</sup> MATTOON JN<sup>r</sup> Moderator

At A Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst October 21<sup>st</sup> 1779

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> being appointed Moderator—Voted—To Grant the sum of four hundred and thirty four pounds ten shillings to replace money taken out of the Treasury to Pay Bounties & Mileage to soldiers and that the Assessors be Directed to assess the same and order it Paid into the Treasury immediately—Voted—To Chuse a Committee of Nine to Determine how many Schools shall be kept in Town the present year and at what places—voted. That Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> James Merrick Josiah Warner D<sup>n</sup> Clarke Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Dickinson L<sup>t</sup> Hastings be the Committee afores<sup>d</sup>

Attest NATH<sup>LL</sup> DICKINSON JUN<sup>r</sup> Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 3<sup>d</sup> 1780

Voted. L<sup>t</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Moderator—

Voted to Adjourn to the house of Elisha Ingram—Voted—To Adjourn the meeting to thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> instant at 12 O'Clock in the morning then to meet at the meeting-house; Being met according to Adjournment—Voted—To adjourn to the house of Elisha Ingram—Voted To allow two shillings and six pence p<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at Highways in summer and two shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at Highways in the fall and spring the said sums to be Doubled twenty four for one, Also to allow twenty four for one for all Debts examined and accepted by the Town—Voted—That the Selectmen settle with Aaron Warner for sounding the Conque and sweeping the meeting house—Voted—To Allow the Debts as read and corrected—Voted—To adjourn to thursday next at Nine O'Clock in the morning to meet at the meeting house

Being met according to Adjournment voted to adjourn to the house of Maj<sup>r</sup> Wales—Voted—To Grant the sum of fourteen hundred Pounds for supporting schools—The Committee heretofore appointed to Determine how many schools shall be kept in the Town of Amherst and at what places. Report as follows (viz) That there be six schools kept in said Town, that is to say, one in the west street in the Northern part of the town: one in the street leading from Ezra Roods to Andrew Kimbals: one at each school house in or near the Middle of the town: one in the west street at the southern part of the town: one in the school house at



the southern part of the Town.--Whereupon voted--To accept the report of said Committee with this alteration that the school ordered to be kept in the street leading from Ezra Rood's to Andrew Kimbal's be kept at Samuel Henry's the present year--Voted--That the Assessors be empowered to Assess a sum on the Inhabitants of this Town sufficient to pay the Debts allowed and Mr Parsons his usual salary and fourteen hundred pounds for the support of schools--Voted--That there be eighteen months schooling in town the present year--Voted--That L<sup>d</sup> John Dickinson, Moses Dickinson Esq. and Timothy Green be a Committee to view the Land petitioned for by Daniel Church and report at March meeting--Voted to allow the Constables for Counterfeit money--Voted--That Gideon Dickinson, John Billing, Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker James Merrick and Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon be a Committee to Confer with the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons respecting a settlement with him for the monies Due to him from the town.

Attest EBEN<sup>r</sup> MATTOON JUN<sup>r</sup> Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 13<sup>th</sup> 1780

Voted--Mr John Billing Moderator--Voted--That the Select men Prefer a Petition to the General Court praying that the time appointed for the payment of the Tax last granted by said Court may be postponed two months--Voted--That Mr Abraham Hill be prohibited from Preaching in this Town in future and that Cap<sup>t</sup> Dickinson, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> & James Merrick be a Committee to write to him concerning the matter

Attest

Nathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> his Mark for Cattle and Sheep

A Crop of from the off Ear two half Penny's on the same ear one on the upper the other on the under side

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 30<sup>th</sup> 1780 Alexander Smith chosen Moderator, the following votes passed

Voted. Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk and Town Treasurer--voted--Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker, L<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hastings, Alexander Smith, Jonathan Dickinson and Martin Kellogg, Select-men--voted--Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Hezekiah Belding and Elisha Smith Assessors--voted--Timothy Green Jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Bascom and Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Constables--voted--Gideon Dickinson, Ezra Rood Nathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> John Field Jun<sup>r</sup> Enos Coleman and Joel Moody, Surveyors--voted--Samuel Hastings, Hezekiah Belding, John Morton Jun<sup>r</sup>--Elijah Hastings, Isaac Goodale and Jonathan Smith, Tithingmen--voted--Oliver Cows and Enos Coleman, Fence viewers--voted--John Morton Jun<sup>r</sup> and Elisha Smith Sealers of Leather--voted--Joseph Church Surveyor of Lumber--voted--Tho<sup>s</sup> Hastings Jun<sup>r</sup> & Noah Smith Deer reeves--voted--Israel Dickinson Zacheriah Hawley, Simeon Cows, Moses Warner, Benjamin Smith Hogreeves--Voted--That the Surveyors lay an account before the Town at their meeting in January next for allowance of all work Done in their respective Districts, and that there be allowed to those Persons who shall work at Highways the Common price of labor at the time they shall work--voted--To Pay Mr David Parsons three salaries (which will be Due to him the first Day of May next) in Silver together with the interest and that the Assessors assess the same separate from all other Taxes--voted--Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker, Gideon



Dickinson & Hezekiah Belding be a Committee to view the Land petitioned for by Zacheriah Hawley and report to the next meeting—voted—Moses Dickinson Esq Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman and Asahel Moody be a Committee to view the land petitioned for by Aaron Warner and report to the next meeting—voted—That the Committee appointed to view the Land petitioned for by Daniel Church report to the next meeting—Voted—To Grant Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck his part of the schoolmoney—voted—To Grant Waitstill Dickinson one Hundred Dollars for Counterfeit money received by him for Taxes—voted—To Grant six hundred pounds for the use of the poor of the Town and the Assessors are empowered to assess the same

ALEX<sup>r</sup> SMITH Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 26<sup>th</sup> 1780

Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker chosen Moderator—the following votes passed—

Voted—To Discontinue that part of the Highway hereafter mentioned and Grant the same to Daniel Church on Condition that said Church give security for the Payment of fourteen Bushels of Rie for the use of the Town—(viz) Beginning at the south east corner of Samuel Church's lot, thence North 32 deg east 36 rods, thence north 22 deg east 20 rods, thence North 10 deg east 21 rods and half, thence west 10 deg north 10 rods, to said Church's east Line, thence South 15 deg west to the first mentioned corner, containing three acres and seventy nine rods of ground—voted—To Discontinue the Highway staked out by the Committee for Zacheriah Hawley and Grant the same to said Hawley on Condition that said Hawley give security for the payment of ten Bushels of Indian Corn for the use of the town—voted—To Discontinue the Highway (viz) twenty three rods of Ground at the rear Aaron Warner's Lot and Grant the same to said Hawley on Conditon that he give security for the payment of seven Bushels and an half of Indian Corn for the use of the town—voted—To repair the Doors, windows, seats, underpinning and Plastering of the meeting house

The Question being put whether the town will be at any further charge respecting the suit between Strong & Blodget, passed in the Negative—voted—To accept the List of Jurors laid before the town by the Select men

Attest ELI PARKER Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst June 15<sup>th</sup> 1780

Voted Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Moderator

Voted To Grant the sum of five Hundred Pounds for the support of the Poor of the Town and for Repairing the Meeting House and that the Assessors Assess the same and order paid immediately into the Town Treasury—Voted. To Grant Waitstill Dickinson Ninety Dollars received by him in Counterfeit money received by him for Taxes—Voted—That Simeon Dickinson, Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Dickinson, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jr Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker, Moses Dickinson Esq John Billing and Gideon Handerson be a Committee to seat the meeting house

Attest NATH<sup>l</sup>L DICKINSON JR Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst on Monday the fourth Day of September Anno Domini 1780

Votes were brought in for a Governor as follows—viz—

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> Forty three

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup> eight



Votes for a Lieutenant Governor as follows—viz.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Warren Esq forty Nine

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Artemas Ward Esq<sup>r</sup> three

Votes for Senators as follows—viz—

Joseph Hawley Esq<sup>r</sup> forty seven

John Bliss Esq. forty four

David Smead Esq. forty four

Samuel Mather Esq<sup>r</sup> thirteen

Noah Goodman Esq<sup>r</sup> Nine

John Billing—twenty four

John Hastings Esq four

Elisha Ingram one

John Chester Williams Esq two

Nathan Dickinson Jr two

David Sexton Esq two

Caleb Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> two

Eleazer Porter Esq<sup>r</sup> two

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| ELI PARKER                       | } Select men<br>and<br>Town Clerk<br>of<br>Amherst |
| JONATHAN DICKINSON               |                                                    |
| THOMAS HASTINGS                  |                                                    |
| ALEX <sup>r</sup> SMITH          |                                                    |
| MARTIN KELLOGG                   |                                                    |
| NATH <sup>l</sup> L DICKINSON JR |                                                    |

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Oct<sup>r</sup> 16. 1780

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Representative

Voted. To Grant the sum of Ten thousand Pounds to pay for Beef agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of Sep<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>th</sup> 1780 and that the assessors be Directed to assess the same on the Inhabitants of this Town immediately and Order the same Paid according to said Resolve—Voted—M<sup>r</sup> John Billing Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck & Cap<sup>t</sup> David Rich be a Committee to procure the Beef ordered by the Resolve aforesaid

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| Attest | ELI PARKER                                  | } Select men<br>of<br>Amherst |
|        | ALEX <sup>r</sup> SMITH                     |                               |
|        | THO <sup>s</sup> HASTINGS                   |                               |
|        | JON <sup>th</sup> DICKINSON JN <sup>r</sup> |                               |
|        | MARTIN KELLOGG                              |                               |

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Dec<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1780

M<sup>r</sup> John Billing Chosen Moderator

Voted. To raise three Hundred Pounds to maintain Schools—Voted—that there be six schools set up in the same places where they were kept the last year—Voted—That each school be kept three months—Voted—To accept the report of the Committee appointed to purchase Beef and Discharge said Committee

Attest JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Dec<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1780

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator

Voted—To appoint a Committee to inquire and report to the town how and in what manner soldiers may be best procured to serve in the Continental Army for three years or During the war—Voted. That Cap<sup>t</sup> Parker, Cap<sup>t</sup> Dickinson L<sup>t</sup>





Hastings, L<sup>t</sup> Smith, L<sup>t</sup> Aaron Dickinson, John Billing, Elijah Baker Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> be a Committee for the purpose abovesaid—Voted—That it is the opinion of this Town that the Tender Act shall not be repealed—Voted—That Cap<sup>t</sup> Parker, John Billing Elijah Baker L<sup>t</sup> Mattoon L<sup>t</sup> Hastings, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> and Joseph Dickinson be a Committee to seat the meeting house that said Committee proceed according to age Estate and qualifications and report at next January meeting

Voted, To adjourn to thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant at one O'Clock afternoon

Being met according to adjournment—The following Report of the Committee was read and accepted (viz) That the Town will give to each soldier that shall inlist for this town for three years or During the war the sum of three pounds hard money P<sup>r</sup> month the Town to receive their wages or in Liew thereof the town will give to each soldier that shall inlist as afores<sup>d</sup> forty shillings p<sup>r</sup> month in hard money in addition to their Continental Pay; also that the Town will give each soldier that shall inlist as afores<sup>d</sup> two shirts, two Pairs of stockings and two pairs of shoes yearly in case he fails of the same from the Continent or State and the Town Direct the Militia Officers to make the above proposals to their respective Companies in the name of the town—Voted. To Grant Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck and Simeon Peck their proportion of the money granted for schooling

Attest NATH<sup>LL</sup> DICKINSON Ju<sup>N</sup>R Moderator

Isaac Marshal's Mark for Cattle and Sheep A Crop on the left Ear and a Swallows Tail on the right Ear

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst—Dec<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1780

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator—Voted To allow those Persons who hired men to go into the Army for six or three months the summer past the several sums by the[m] advanced as a Bounty or Hire to said men—Voted—That the said Bounties or Hires be allowed at the rate of fifty Dollars p<sup>r</sup> bushel for rie—Voted—To allow each Person the whole sum by him advanced or engaged to the soldiers aforesaid and such of them as are to receive the soldiers wages shall Pay the same to the Treasurer of this Town—Voted. To Grant the sum of four Hundred & sixty Pounds New Currency to procure Beef and Grain according to a resolve of the General Court of the 4<sup>th</sup> of December instant—That the assessors assess the afores<sup>d</sup> sum of £460 on the Inhabitants of this Town—Voted—That John Billing Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and Cap<sup>t</sup> Parker be a Committee to procure the Beef and Grain aforesaid—Voted—That Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon, Eben<sup>r</sup> Dickinson and Moses Cooke be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Joel Billing and report at the next March meeting

Attest NATH<sup>LL</sup> DICKINSON Ju<sup>N</sup>R Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst January 8<sup>th</sup> 1781—Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker was chosen Moderator

Voted, To allow the Debts as read and corrected, and that the Assessors be empowered to assess a sum on the Inhabitants of this Town sufficient to Pay the same—Voted. To allow three Shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for work done in summer and two Shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for work done in the fall—Voted. To allow three shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day to the assessors—Voted. To allow nine shillings P<sup>r</sup> hundred for two inch oak Plank—voted—To accept the report of the Committee for seating the meeting house—



voted—To adjourn the meeting to thursday next at one O'Clock afternoon —Being met according to adjournment—voted—That the Select men should take part of the money raised for schooling to Pay Debts contracted for the support of the Poor—Voted—To appropriate the remainder of the money raised to procure Beef. to Pay for the Horses purchased for the Continent

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 19<sup>th</sup> 1781  
Major Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck was chosen Moderator

Voted—John Billing, Elijah Baker, Isaac Hubbard, Gideon Handerson and Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup>. Select men—Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk and Town Treasurer—Voted—John Billing, Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Assessors—Voted—John Ingram, L<sup>t</sup> Aaron Dickinson and Nath<sup>l</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Smith Constables—Voted—Timothy Green Jun<sup>r</sup> Simeon Clark Jn<sup>r</sup> Medad Dickinson, Josiah Warner and Asahel Moody Tythingmen—voted—John Billing, Martin Kellogg and Oliver Clapp Church Wardens—voted—Nathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Stephen Cole, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup>, Ezra Rood Jonathan Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> and Ruben Ingram Surveyors of Highways—voted—John Billing and Joseph Dickinson Deer Reeves

voted L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hastings Sealer of Leather

voted—Joseph Church Surveyor of Lumber

Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman and Abner Adams Fence viewers

Voted—Ambrose Williams, Zachariah Hawley, Abner Adams, Timothy Smith Giles Church, John Field Jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Smith, Noadiah Warner and Jacob Warner Jr Hog reeves—Voted—That Daniel Kellogg, Dea<sup>n</sup> Edwards and L<sup>t</sup> Hastings be a Committee to view the Land petitioned for by Noah Dickinson and report what is proper to be done—Voted—To Discontinue a part of the Highway at the front of Joel Billing's Lot, beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot and extending Six rods in width and thirty rods in length and grant the same to Joel Billing on Condition that he Pay the treasurer of Amherst for said Land at the rate of forty shillings pr. Acre

Voted—To Appropriate so much of the money raised for schooling as to Pay what remains due for Horses bought for the Continent

Voted—To Choose an Agent to carry on the Suit Pending between M<sup>r</sup> Strong and M<sup>r</sup> Blodget and that Elijah Baker be the Agent

Voted—To Choose a Committee to settle with the Heirs of the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons for the Salaries Due to them, and Elijah Baker, John Billing and Gideon Handerson were chosen for said purpose

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 2<sup>d</sup> 1781

Votes for a Governor being called for were brought in as follows (viz) for his Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> fifty seven for the Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup> Nine Votes for a Lieutenant Governor being called for were brought in as follows (viz) for his Honor Thomas Cushing Esq<sup>r</sup> forty three for the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Artemas Ward Esq<sup>r</sup> Nineteen

Votes for four Senators being called for were brought in as follows (viz)

For John Bliss Esq<sup>r</sup> fifty seven

David Smead Esq<sup>r</sup> thirty Nine

John Hastings Esq<sup>r</sup> forty

Timothy Danielson Esq<sup>r</sup> eighteen



Samuel Mather Esq<sup>r</sup> eighteen  
 Caleb Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> eighteen  
 Elisha Ingram three

Attest

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| MOSES DICKINSON       | } | Select men<br>and<br>town clerk<br>of Amherst |
| JOHN BILLING          |   |                                               |
| GIDEON HANDERSON      |   |                                               |
| ELIJAH BAKER          |   |                                               |
| ISAAC HUBBARD         |   |                                               |
| NATH'L L DICKINSON JR |   |                                               |

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 2<sup>d</sup> 1781  
 Elijah Baker was chosen Moderator

Voted—That each Person who advanced any money as a Hire to the Soldiers who served six or three months in the Army last summer be allowed the same at the rate of fifty Dollars pr. Bushel for rie; and in case any Person shall Draw the soldiers wages, such Person be allowed one fourth part in addition to said wages and the Assessors are empowered to assess the Inhabitants of this Town for payment of the same

Voted—To repair the Highways by a Tax—Voted—That Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> John Billing, and Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker be a Committee to settle with L<sup>d</sup> Mattoon respecting a quantity of Gun Powder in his possession—Voted—To Grant the sum of fifteen Pounds for the support of the Poor—the Assessors are empowered to Assess the same

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 18<sup>th</sup> 1781  
 Moses Dickinson Chosen Moderator

Voted. That the Selectmen be a Committe to provide the town with a Preacher

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst June 25<sup>th</sup> 1781  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Parker was chosen Moderator

Voted. That as soon as convenient the Town will be in a way for the Resettlement of the Gospel Ordinances among them

Voted. That the Town are willing to Concur with the Church in all proper measures for the Resettlement of the Gospel Ministry and Ordinances

Voted—To choose Seven Persons as a Committee to join with the Committee of the Church to procure a resettlement of the Gospel Ordinances in this Town—That Martin Kellogg, Elijah Baker, Isaac Hubbard, D<sup>r</sup> Seth Coleman, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jr Elisha Smith and James Merrick be the Committee aforesaid. Voted. To give said Committee the following instructions (viz) that when occasion requires they shall Confer with the Committee of the Church and endeavor a union and harmony in all measures which relate to the Resettlement of Gospel Ordinances in this town—Voted—That the Committee be Directed to employ M<sup>r</sup> David Parsons to supply the Pulpit for the present—Voted—That the Assessors take the Continental money now in the Town<sup>s</sup> Treasury to Pay the State Tax—Voted—That Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman, Simeon Pomroy and M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Cooley be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Stephen Smith apprise the same and report to the Town what is proper to be Done thereon

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst July 6<sup>th</sup> 1781  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker was chosen Moderator



Voted—To Choose a Committee to Procure the Beef assessed on the Town by the General Court and that John Billing, Joseph Eastman and Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker be the Committee—Voted—That the Committee be Directed to Borrow the hard money to Purchase the Beef and give Obligations in behalf of the town for the same—Voted to Pay the Executor of the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons D<sup>d</sup> the whole of the salaries Due to him on the first Day of May 1781 in Gold or Silver with the interest Due on the same and the Assessors are Directed and empowered to assess the same on the Inhabitants of this Town

Voted—To Discontinue that part of the Highway hereafter mentioned and Grant the same to Stephen Smith on Condition that Said Smith Pay the Treasurer of this Town at the rate of three Pounds fifteen shillings p<sup>r</sup> acre for said Land—viz) Beginning at the south west Corner of said Smith's Lot extending two rods and three quarters west, then Parrellel with the Street fence ten rods and an half, then angurlalry fourteen rods and an half, so as to join the west end of Said Smith's Lot containing fifty one rods of ground

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst July 30<sup>th</sup> 1781  
Elijah Baker was chosen moderator

Voted—To choose a Committee to Hire the Men required of this Town to serve in the Army for three months and that Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck, L<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Dickinson, L<sup>t</sup> Joel Billing, L<sup>t</sup> Aaron Dickinson and L<sup>t</sup> Ezra Rood be the Committee—Voted—that the town will Pay such sums as the Committee shall engage to the Men they may hire—that the Committee give obligations to the Men they may hire in behalf of this Town for such sums as they shall engage to Pay them—

Voted—to Pay the money engaged by the Committee afores<sup>d</sup> to the soldiers they may engage on or before the first Day of January next—voted that the said Committee be empowered to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to March the men they may hire Voted. To Pay the money that may be engaged by the Committee appointed to Purchase Beef on or before the first Day of January next

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Sep<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1781  
Isaac Hubbard was chosen Moderator

Voted—That the Committee appointed to procure a Preacher be directed to employ M<sup>r</sup> David Parsons as a Preacher in this Town for the space of three months after the Term for which he is now engaged is expired

Attest ISAAC HUBBARD Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst—November 7<sup>th</sup> 1781

Elijah Baker was chosen Moderator

Voted—To grant the sum of twenty four Pounds for the maintenance of Schools --Voted—To choose a Committee to Determine how many and at what places Schools shall be kept in the Town the present year—Voted—That L<sup>t</sup> John Field, Daniel Kellogg, Elisha Smith, Josiah Warner L<sup>t</sup> David Smith, L<sup>t</sup> John Dickinson and Elisha Ingram be the Committee afores<sup>d</sup>—

Voted—That the Select men and town Treasurer be a Committee to settle with those Persons to whom the town is indebted as they Judge fit

Voted—That Levi Smith and Jonathan Kellogg be Discharged from paying any proportion of the money engaged to the men hired in this Town to serve three months in the Army the present year





At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst December 17<sup>th</sup> 1781

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator.

Voted—That the Committee appointed to procure a Preacher have a Discretionary power in procuring a Preacher for the present.—And that the aforesaid Committee be Directed as Soon as may be to procure a Candidate for the Ministry to Preach in this Town

Attest NATH<sup>LL</sup> DICKINSON JUN<sup>R</sup> Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 7<sup>th</sup> 1782  
Josiah Chauncy Esq<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator

Voted—To allow two Shillings and five pence Pr Day for work Done at the Highways in Summer and one Shilling and eight pence Pr Day for work Done at the Highways in the fall—

Voted—To allow five Shillings Pr hundred for inch and half oak Plank—Voted—To allow two Shillings Pr hundred for Brick—Voted—To allow two shillings and eight Pence Pr Day to the Assessors for their Service—voted—to allow twenty shillings pr. thousand feet of Boards—

Voted—To allow the Bills as read and corrected and the assessors are Directed to make a Tax on the Inhabitants of this town for the payment of the same—Voted—To Grant the sum of twenty four Pounds for the maintenance of Schools and the Assessors are Directed to Assess the same—

voted—to Discharge the Constable for collecting the Taxes Assessed on Simeon Peck Jun<sup>r</sup> in the year 1780—Voted—That Daniel Kellogg, L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hastings and Cap<sup>t</sup> David Rich be a Committee to view the Land petitioned for by Philip Edwards and report to the town at their next March meeting what is proper to be Done concerning the same—Voted—To release to Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck and Simeon Peck their proportion of the School money—Voted—That John Billing, D<sup>n</sup> Eleazer Smith and Josiah Chauncy Esq<sup>r</sup> be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Reuben Smith and report to the Town at their next March meeting what is proper to be done respecting the same—

Voted—To Grant M<sup>r</sup> David Parsons five Dollars p<sup>r</sup> Sabbath for thirty nine Sabbaths and the assessors are Directed to Assess the same for his payment

Attest JOSIAH CHANCY Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 25<sup>th</sup> 1782

John Billing was chosen Moderator

Voted—Elijah Baker and Joseph Eastman to go to Shutesbury on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January to meet the Towns that meet there

Voted—That the Treasurer Sell the New money for Notes and Grain at the best lay he can—Voted—That the Treasurer exchange the Notes in hand for the Notes the Town owes

Attest JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March y<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1782

Elijah Baker was chosen Moderator

Voted, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk and Town Treasurer the Current year



Voted. Elijah Baker, Gideon Dickinson, Elisha Smith, Jonathan Smith and L<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Selectmen—Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Elisha Smith and Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Assessors—Voted—David Cows, Ebenezer Boltwood and Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Constables.

Voted, to excuse David Cows from serving as Constable and Moses Cooke Jun<sup>r</sup> who was hired by Said Cows was chosen in his Stead—Voted—Martin Kellogg, Joseph Eastman Jr David Blodget, Enos Coleman, Stephen Cole and Moses Cooke Surveyors of Highways. Voted. E<sup>n</sup> John Nash, Simeon Dickinson, Simeon Clark Jun<sup>r</sup> Elijah Hastings Reuben Ingram and Martin Kellogg, Tythingmen—Voted—Stephen Smith, David Blodget, L<sup>t</sup> David Smith, and D<sup>n</sup> Eleazer Smith, Wardens

Voted—Oliver Cows and Enos Coleman fence viewers—Voted—Gideon Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Enos Cows, Perez Moody, Ephraim Kellogg and Enos Dickinson Hog Reeves—Voted—L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hastings Sealer of Leather and Joseph Church Surveyor of Lumber

Voted—To Grant the Sum of fifty Pounds to repair the Highways and the Assessors are Directed to Assess said sum on the Inhabitants of this Town—Voted—To allow three Shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at Highways in the Summer and two Shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at the Highways in the fall—Voted—That Martin Kellogg, Joseph Eastman Jun<sup>r</sup> David Blodget, Enos Coleman Stephen Cole and Moses Cooke be Collectors of the Highway rate—

Voted—That D<sup>n</sup> Eleazer Smith, Josiah Chauncey Esq<sup>r</sup> and Enos Dickinson be a Committee to view the Land petitioned for by M<sup>r</sup> Wm Woods and report to the Town what is proper to be Done concerning the same

Voted—To accept the Report of the Select men and establish that part of a Highway as Described in their Report (which is as follows:) to wit—  
Amherst March 2<sup>d</sup> 1782—A Return of the Survey of Part of the Town Road leading from the County Road leading to Shutesbury, to Williams's Mill Standing on the Mill River in the west Division of Amherst as follows (viz) Beginning at the Bridge Standing on M<sup>r</sup> Dana's South line, running North Seven Degrees west Seven rods to a Stake and Stones; thence North thirty five Degrees west forty Nine rods to a Black oak tree marked H W. thence to Reuben Ingram's South line twenty two rods thence west on the North Side of Dana's farm seventy rods to the County road leading to Sunderland the above Described road is two rods in width

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| JOHN BILLING     | } | Select men |
| GIDEON HANDERSON |   | of         |
| ISAAC HUBBARD    |   | Amherst    |

Voted—To Discontinue that part of the Highway hereafter Described and Grant the Same to Reuben Smith on Condition that Said Smith give Sufficient Security to the Town Treasurer within one month to Pay for the Same at the rate of three Pounds ten Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Acre. Said Lands Described as follows (viz) Beginning at the front of Alex<sup>r</sup> Smith's farm, near the top of the Hill by the Mill and running west twelve rods and an half to a Stake and thence north twenty eight rods to a Stake Standing ten rods west from Said Alex<sup>r</sup> Smith's front, thence northeasterly eighteen rods to said Smith's front, containing two Acres and three quarters.—Voted—To Discontinue a Piece of the Town way lying east of L<sup>t</sup> Noah Dickinson's home lot and joining to it, from the South east corner of Said Lot, one rod wide, running northwardly thirty rods and from thence northwardly to a



point at the west line of Said Town way, containing thirty two rods and an half of ground and Grant the Same to L<sup>d</sup> Noah Dickinson on Condition that the said Dickinson give a Legal Title within one month to the Inhabitants of Amherst of a Piece of Land lying at the north east Corner of Said Dickinson's home lot, Six rods and an half wide at the east side, running westwardly ten rods to a point, bounded east on the Town way and Northwardly on the County Road, containing thirty two rods and an half

Voted. To Discontinue a part of the Highway at the east end of Aaron Warner's House Lot, Lying from the Northeast corner of Said Warner's lot eight rods South, and from the west line of said Highway four rods and an half east, containing thirty six rods of ground, and Grant the same to Philip Edwards, on Condition that said Edwards Shall within one month give Sufficient Security to the Town Treasurer to Pay for the same at the rate of three pounds p<sup>r</sup> acre

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 1<sup>st</sup> 1782  
Elijah Baker was chosen Moderator

Voted—To accept of the List of Jurors presented by the Select men, the remaining Articles in the Warrant were Negatived by the town

Attest

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst (Qualified to Vote for a Governor &c on Monday the first Day of April AD. 1782

The Votes for a Governor were as follows (viz)

For his Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> Fifty seven

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup> Twenty three

The Votes for a Lieutenant Governor were as follows (viz)

For his Honor Thomas Cushing Esq<sup>r</sup> thirty three

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Azor Orne Esq<sup>r</sup> Twenty six

Votes for four Senators were as follows —viz—

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Bliss Esq<sup>r</sup> Fifty six

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Noah Goodman Esq<sup>r</sup> Twenty four

For Capt Ebenezer Mattoon —Twelve

For Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Timothy Danielson Twenty seven

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Caleb Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> Twenty seven

For Nathaniel Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Twenty five

For Oliver Phelps Esq<sup>r</sup> Six

For David Smead Esq<sup>r</sup> Nineteen

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Hastings Esq<sup>r</sup> Fifteen

For Warham Parks Esq<sup>r</sup> Eleven

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Samuel Mather Esq<sup>r</sup> three

For M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Ingram - Four

For M<sup>r</sup> John Billing—Two

For M<sup>r</sup> Elijah Baker—one

Attest

JONATHAN SMITH  
GIDEON DICKINSON  
JONATHAN DICKINSON JN<sup>r</sup>  
ELIJAH BAKER  
ELISHA SMITH

} select men  
of  
Amherst

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> Town Cler<sup>k</sup>

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Amherst April 8<sup>th</sup> 1782.



Elijah Baker was chosen Moderator—

Voted—To Invite M<sup>r</sup> David Parsons to Preach here on Probation for Settlement in the Gospel Ministry, for the Space of two months.—Voted—That the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit, be empowered to Draw money out of the Treasury to Pay M<sup>r</sup> Ely for his Services.

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 17<sup>th</sup> 1782  
Elijah Baker was chosen Moderator

Voted; to Discontinue that part of the Highway hereafter mentioned (viz) Beginning at a Stake and Stones near the South Side of Aaron Warners Lot and running North to the South west corner post of said Warners Lane leading from his house to the street, the said Land containing twenty rods, and Grant the same to Aaron Warner on Condition that said Warner Pay the Treasurer of this Town for the use of the Inhabitants of said Town at the rate of fourteen Pounds p<sup>r</sup> Acre for said Land

Voted, That L<sup>d</sup> John Field, Isaac Goodale and Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Moses Cooke Jn<sup>r</sup> and report to the Town what is proper to be Done respecting the same and to sell said Land at Publick Vendue

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst June 17<sup>th</sup> 1782  
Gideon Dickinson was chosen Moderator

—Voted, To Concur with the Church in their vote to give M<sup>r</sup> David Parsons an invitation to settle in the Ministry of the Gospel in this town—Voted—That in Case M<sup>r</sup> Parsons will settle in the Ministry in this town. To Grant him three hundred pounds for a settlement to be paid in the following manner, to wit, one hundred pounds within one year after his settlement, and one hundred pounds within two years after his settlement and one hundred pounds within three years after his Settlement; Also to grant him Ninety pounds as a Salary for the first year after his Settlement and Ninety five pounds for the Second year after his Settlement, and one hundred pounds for each year afterward during his Ministry here—

Voted, that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit be Directed to employ M<sup>r</sup> Parsons to Supply the Pulpit untill he gives his Answer to the foregoing proposals—and that Said Committee inform M<sup>r</sup> Parsons of the above—mentioned Votes—Voted, to adjourn for the Space of four weeks to meet at the meeting house at three of the Clock in the afternoon

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1782. Being met accordin to Adjournment—

Voted—To Provide twentyfive Cords of fire wood for M<sup>r</sup> Parsons the first year after his Settlement in the Ministry here, and to add five Cords annually untill it shall amount to forty Cords, which shall be annually provided for him afterwards During his said Ministry

Attest, GIDEON DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst August 12<sup>th</sup> 1782

Gideon Dickinson was chosen Moderator

[The Rev<sup>d</sup> Dav<sup>d</sup> Parsons's Answer to Proposals heretofore made to him for Settling in the Ministry [was received and read in the words following (viz)

[To the] Inhabitants of Amherst in Town meeting Assembled on the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst August 1782





Gentlemen--

Inasmuch as you have passed Sundry Votes respecting my encouragement and support in case I should settle with you in the work of the Gospel Ministry; and as it is always expedient that the meaning of Parties in Transactions of this Nature should be well explained and clearly understood, to prevent any Dispute or misunderstanding between them afterwards, I beg Leave to express to you my sense, of the meaning of your Proposals as I understand them, which is as follows (viz) The several sums which you offer me in Settlement and Salary, I understand to be in Silver money, Spanish Milled Dollars at six shillings, or other Silver or Gold equivalent. And as to the Payment of my Settlement, I understand that you will procure me Real Estate to the value, in case, any such can be procured to my acceptance; otherwise that you will pay me the money according to your first vote.—And as to the Article of Wood I understand, that the most that I am ever to expect is forty Cords of fire wood of good quality in a year; unless the town shall voluntarily make addition on being satisfied that forty Cords is not sufficient for my reasonable use—Give me Leave further to add that I must understand it to be your intent, that no advantage shall ever be taken of any Paper Currency Depreciated, or of any act of Government that may be passed, to avoid the fair honest and equitable intent of the Contract. If this be your meaning as I have expressed my sense of it, and if nothing more than I know of shall appear to prevent you may expect an Answer in the Affirmative to the Churches Call

your affectionate friend and servant

DAVID PARSONS

Voted, To accept the foregoing answer as the true intent and meaning of the Town expressed in their Votes referred to by M<sup>r</sup> Parsons in his answer aforesaid

Voted—That the town Treasurer be empowered, on behalf of the town to give Security to M<sup>r</sup> Parsons or to any other Person of whom an Estate may be purchased for his Settlement, for the sum heretofore granted as a settlement.—Voted—To Pay the usual expence that may attend M<sup>r</sup> Parsons's Ordination; and that L<sup>t</sup> John Field, Elijah Parker, Josiah Chauncey Esq<sup>r</sup>, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Cooley, Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker, Stephen Smith, L<sup>t</sup> Aaron Dickinson & M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Boltwood be a Committee with a Discretionary Power to make the usual and Decent Preparation for the ordination and to give invitations to whom they think fit for their Attendance—Voted—That the Treasurer be empowered to advance monies to the aforesaid Committee to Pay the expence they may be at in making said Preparations for the ordination

Attest GIDEON DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst August 6<sup>th</sup> 1782

M<sup>r</sup> Gideon Dickinson was chosen Moderator

Voted—John Billing, Elijah Baker and Martin Kellogg Delegates to attend a County Convention to be holden at Hatfield

Attest—GIDEON DICKINSON—Moderator

Atta Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst December 9<sup>th</sup> 1782

Gideon Dickinson was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Concur with the Church in their Vote to invite an Ecclesiastical Council to look into the Affairs of the Church, and give their advice respecting the



Brethren who stile themselves the aggrieved, and have withdrawn themselves from the Communion of the Church—Voted—that the Town will Pay the expence of said Council—Voted—To choose a Committee to make the necessary Provision for the support of the Council—Voted—That L<sup>r</sup> John Field, Stephen Smith, Martin Kellogg, M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Cooley, L<sup>r</sup> Aaron Dickinson, Tho<sup>s</sup> Hastings Jnr M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Boltwood, L<sup>r</sup> Ezra Rood and Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jnr be the Committee aforesaid—

Voted—that the Committee afores<sup>d</sup> be empowered to Draw money out of the Treasury to Defray the expence they may incur

Attest—GIDEON DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 20<sup>th</sup> 1783

Gideon Dickinson was chosen Moderator

Voted—To choose four Wardens, viz, Stephen Smith, David Blodget, John Billing and Isaac Goodale.

Voted—To allow three shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day to the Assessors for their Service—Voted—To allow three Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day to the Committee who have been appointed by the town to attend Conventions—Voted—To allow one Shilling for Horse hire to the men who attended the Convention at Hatfield and one shilling and four pence to those who attended the Convention at Shutesbury—Voted—To accept the Bills as read and corrected—and to empower the Assessors to assess a Sum on the Inhabitants of this Town sufficient to Pay the same—Voted—To Grant thirty six pounds for the maintenance of Schools in this Town and that there be six Schools kept in said Town—Voted—That the Assessors be empowered to Assess such sum as shall be Due to the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons for his Salary on the first Day of May next, also to Assess one hundred pounds granted to M<sup>r</sup> Parsons in part for his Settlement

Attest

GIDEON DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 3<sup>d</sup> 1783  
M<sup>r</sup> Jacob McDaniell was chosen Moderator

Voted—That the Town will make answer to the Petition of Nathan Dickinson and others lately prefered to the General Court—Voted—That Simeon Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jnr Moses Cooke, D<sup>n</sup> Eleazer Smith, Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker E<sup>n</sup> John Nash, M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Cooley, Tho<sup>s</sup> Hastings Jun<sup>r</sup> and Josiah Chauncy Esq<sup>r</sup> be a Committee to prepare the said Answer—Voted—That the Assessors be Directed to Postpone making the Town Rate untill the General Court shall finally Determine respecting the above mentioned Petition—Voted—To Adjourn for the space of four weeks

March 31<sup>st</sup> 1783 Being Assembled according to Adjournment—Voted—That the Committee appointed to make answer to the Petition of Nathan Dickinson and others, be empowered to appoint an Agent to Appear in Behalf of the town to make answer to said Petition before the General Court—Voted—that the Answer be Signed by the Town Clerk by order and in behalf of the Town—Voted—That the Committee be empowered to Draw money out of the Treasury to Pay the expence of the Agency

Attest

JACOB MCDANIEL Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 10<sup>th</sup> 1783

M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Smith was chosen Moderator—Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jnr Town Clerk and Treasurer



Voted—Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker D<sup>n</sup> Eleazer Smith, Martin Kellogg, L<sup>t</sup> Joel Billing and Tho<sup>s</sup> Hastings Jun<sup>r</sup> Select-men—Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> and Elisha Smith Assessors—Voted—Stephen Cole, John Field Jun<sup>r</sup> and Ephraim Kellogg Constables—Voted—Timothy Clapp, Josiah Warner, Simeon Clark Jun<sup>r</sup> Enos Coleman, Timothy Giles Green Jun<sup>r</sup> Church, and Reuben Cowles Tithingmen Voted—Enos Dickinson, Noah Smith, L<sup>t</sup> Noah Dickinson and L<sup>t</sup> Ezra Rood Wardens—Voted—Josiah Warner, Moses Cooke, Simeon Peck, Samuel Hastings, Timothy Green Jun<sup>r</sup>, Daniel Kellogg Jun<sup>r</sup> surveyors of Highways—Voted—Gideon Dickinson, Nath<sup>l</sup> Coleman and John Billing Fence viewers—

Voted—L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hastings Sealer of Leather—

Voted—John Billing Surveyor of Lumber—Voted—John Field Jun<sup>r</sup> Aaron Billing, John Kellogg, Samuel Boltwood and Benj<sup>m</sup> Smith, Hog reeves—Voted—To repair the Highways by a Rate and to Grant sixty pounds for that Purpose—Voted—To give three Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at the Highways in Summer and two shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done in the fall.—Voted—That the Highway Rate committed to the Surveyors the last year be committed to the Surveyors the present year—Voted—Josiah Warner, Moses Cooke, Sim<sup>n</sup> Peck Samuel Hastings, Timothy Green Jun<sup>r</sup> and Daniel Kellogg Jun<sup>r</sup> Collectors

Attest ELISHA SMITH Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 7<sup>th</sup> 1783

Mr Jacob McDaniell was chosen Moderator

Voted—To accept the List of Jurors laid before the Town by the Select men

Voted—That Elisha Smith, John Lee and Stephen Cole be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Jonathan Warner and report to the Town what is proper to be Done respecting the same

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst on Monday the Seventh Day of April AD. 1783—The Votes for a Governor were as follows (viz)

For his Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>—twenty eight

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup>—Nineteen

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joseph Hawley Esq<sup>r</sup>—two

The Votes for a Lieut. Governor were as follows (viz)

For his Honor Thomas Cushing Esq<sup>r</sup> Three —

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Azor Orne Esq<sup>r</sup>—thirty eight

The Votes for Senators were as follows (viz)

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joseph Hawley Esq<sup>r</sup>—Nineteen

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Bliss Esq<sup>r</sup>—twenty nine

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Hastings Esq<sup>r</sup>—Nineteen

For David Smead Esq<sup>r</sup>—Seventeen

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Timothy Danielson Esq<sup>r</sup> Eleven

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Caleb Strong Esq<sup>r</sup>—Thirteen

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Samuel Mather Esq<sup>r</sup>—Eleven

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Noah Goodman Esq<sup>r</sup>—Two

For Gideon Burt Esq<sup>r</sup> Three

Attest

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| ELEAZER SMITH                              | } select men |
| THO <sup>s</sup> HASTINGS JUN <sup>r</sup> |              |
| MARTIN KELLOGG                             |              |
|                                            | } of         |
|                                            | } Amherst    |

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk



At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 13<sup>th</sup> 1783  
 ——— was chosen Moderator—Voted—That En<sup>s</sup> John Nash, Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and Capt Eli Parker be a Committee to settle the Line between Amherst and Hadley—Voted—That Capt Eli Parker Moses Cooke and L<sup>t</sup> John Field be a Committee to Preambulate the Line Between Amherst and Leverett—Voted—To Grant the west street their Proportion of School money to be by them used to employ school Dames—

Voted—To Grant Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck leave to Build his fence on the Bank of the River to secure the west end of his Lot—Voted—That Dea<sup>n</sup> Edwards L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hastings and L<sup>t</sup> Joel Billing be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Simeon Pomeroy and report what is proper to be Done respecting the same

Attest

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst October 16<sup>th</sup> 1783

D<sup>n</sup> Eleazer Smith was chosen Moderator

Voted, To accept the Report of the Committee appointed to Perambulate the Line between Hadley and Amherst; and that the same be recorded as follows (viz)

Beginning at the Bay-road at a Stake and Stones, thence North 12 deg East 670 rods to a heap of Stones, thence North 8 deg 15 min East 144 rods, to a Black Oak tree marked W M—thence North 8 deg East 10 rods, to a Stake on the South side of M<sup>r</sup> Parsons's lot—thence North 11 deg 30 min east 197 rods, to a Pine Stubb, thence North 13 deg east 93 rods, to Spruce Staddles; thence North 8 deg east 336 rods, to Porters Ditch, thence North 13 deg east 370 rods to a Stubb by the river, thence North 11 deg east 380 rods to Sunderland Line

Voted—To accept the Report of the Committee appointed to Perambulate the Line Between Leverett and Amherst, which is as follows (viz) That the Line between Leverett and Amherst runs East three Degrees and forty five minutes North, which in general is agreeable to the old marked trees; said Line examined from Mohawk-Brook to Shutesbury, at a Stake and Stones—

Voted, M<sup>r</sup> Elijah Baker be a Member of the County Convention to be convened at Hatfield October 20<sup>th</sup> 1783—Voted—that the Select men take such care of Moses Hawley and family as they think necessary—Voted—To grant thirty Pounds for the Support of Schools

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 19<sup>th</sup> 1784

M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Boltwood was chosen Moderator

Voted, To allow three Shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at the Bridges in summer and two shillings per Day for work Done in the fall

Voted—That Zachariah Hawley may take up a Note that lies against him in the Treasury with an Order he has upon the Treasurer and a Bill he has against the Town: if said sums are sufficient to Pay said Note

Voted—To Grant the sum of forty five Pounds to make up three months Schooling in each School house and other past expences

Voted—To Grant a sum sufficient to Pay a Note given to L<sup>t</sup> John Field by the town Treasurer in behalf of the Town and Payable in October next

Voted, to Allow the Bills as read and Corrected

Voted. That the Assessors Assess the Several Sums Granted on the Inhabitants of the Town





Voted, That Simeon Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> and L<sup>t</sup> John Field be a Committee to Petition the General Court for Abatement of the fine laid on the Town for not sending a Representative

Voted—That the Treasurer call on the Constables to Pay the Debt Due to the Heirs of the Late Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons for Salaries; as soon as may be

Attest EBEN<sup>r</sup> BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 22<sup>d</sup> 1784

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator

Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk and Treasurer

Voted—Joel Moody, Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Enos Dickinson, Stephen Smith and M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Boltwood. Selectmen

Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Enos Coleman and Elijah Baker Assessors

Voted, Thomas Hastings Jun<sup>r</sup> and Noah Smith Constables

Voted—Moses Cooke Jun<sup>r</sup> Timothy Handerson, Joel Dickinson, Joseph Pettis, Ebenezer Eastman, John Eastman, Oliver Clapp, and Joseph Williams Tything-men

Voted—Gideon Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Martin Kellogg, Samuel Boltwood, David Cows, Enos Coleman Nathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> and John Lee Surveyors of Heighways

Voted—L<sup>t</sup> John Field, M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Cooley, David Trowbridge, M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Boltwood Calvin Rich and L<sup>t</sup> Noah Dickinson Hog reeves

Voted. Gideon Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Martin Kellogg, Samuel Boltwood, David Cows, Enos Coleman Nathan Dickinson Jun. and John Lee Collectors of Taxes

Voted—Simeon Clark Jun., L<sup>t</sup> Noah Dickinson, Oliver Cows and Elijah Baker Wardens

Voted—Oliver Cows and Enos Coleman. Fence viewers

Voted—Joseph Church Surveyor of Lumber

Voted L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hastings Sealer of Leather—Voted, that the Assessors issue their Warrants to the Collectors to enable them to Collect the Highway rate Committed to them the last year—Voted—To allow three shillings per Day for work Done in the Summer and two shillings per Day for work Done in the month of September and one shilling and six pence for work Done in the fall after September—

Voted—To Grant the sum of seventy Pounds to repair the Heighways the present year

Voted—To Discharge Enos Ralf from Paying the Town Taxes in the Constables hands against him

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 5<sup>th</sup> 1784  
The Votes for a Governor were as follows—viz—

For his Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> thirteen

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup> twenty one

The Votes for a Lieutenant Governor were as follows viz—

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Azor Orne Esq<sup>r</sup> sixteen

His Honor Thomas Cushing Esq<sup>r</sup> eighteen

Votes for Senators for the County of Hampshire were as follows (viz)

Timothy Danielson Esq<sup>r</sup> twenty

Caleb Strong Esq<sup>r</sup>—twenty six



Samuel Mather Esq<sup>r</sup>—nineteen  
 John Bliss Esq<sup>r</sup> forty  
 Noah Goodman Esq<sup>r</sup> two  
 M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Boltwood three  
 John Hastings Esq<sup>r</sup> twenty three  
 Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Esq<sup>r</sup> eleven  
 Joseph Hawley Esq<sup>r</sup> twelve  
 Ezra Rood one  
 John Billing three  
 Simeon Dickinson one  
 John Ingram one  
 Ruggles Woodbridge Esq<sup>r</sup> four  
 David Smead Esq<sup>r</sup> three  
 Simeon Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> five  
 Martin Kellogg one  
 Josiah Warner one  
 Gideon Handerson one  
 Noah Smith two  
 Oliver Cowls two  
 Luke Coffeen one

Attest

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| JONTH <sup>n</sup> DICKINSON J <sup>r</sup> | } Select Men<br>of<br>Amherst |
| EBEN <sup>r</sup> BOLTWOOD                  |                               |
| JOEL MOODY                                  |                               |
| ENOS DICKINSON                              |                               |
| STEPHEN SMITH                               |                               |

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

Att a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 5<sup>th</sup> 1784  
 Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Accept the list of Jurors laid before the Town by the Select men

Voted—that John Billing, Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker, Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph  
 Dickinson and Moses Cooke be a Committee to Build a Town Pound

Attest NATH<sup>l</sup> DICKINSON JCN<sup>r</sup> Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 10<sup>th</sup> 1784  
 L<sup>t</sup> John Field was chosen Moderator

Voted—That Moses Dickinson, John Billing and Moses Cooke be a Commit-  
 tee to Confer with the Select men or Committee of the Town of Belchertown in  
 order to settle the Line Between said Towns—and report at some future meeting

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst August 18<sup>th</sup> 1784  
 Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator

Voted, That the Town will Indemnify Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> and Elisha  
 Smith respecting the Action Commenced against them by Hezekiah Belding—  
 Voted—To Choose a Committee to make Defence against the before mentioned  
 Action—Voted—That Simeon Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> John Field and Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker be  
 the Committee aforesaid—Voted—That the Treasurer be Directed to receive into  
 the Town Treasury so much Paper money of the New Emission as L<sup>t</sup> Aaron  
 Dickinson hath collected for Town Taxes: and that the Town will make recom-  
 pence to Said Dickinson for all Losses he hath necessarily Sustained, by means of  
 Losses in collecting Taxes, Provided Said Dickinson return into the Treasurers  
 Office Such Notes as he hath against for the same Sum or Sums as he gave for them

Attest NATH<sup>l</sup> DICKINSON JCN<sup>r</sup> Moderator



At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Nov<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1784

Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Esq<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator

Voted—That the Select-men Set up Six Schools within the town four of which to be in the places they usually have been kept in, and the other two in Such places as the Select men think fit

Voted—To Grant thirty Pounds to maintain the Schools and the Assessors are empowered to Assess the same

At a Legal meting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Janua<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1785

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator

Voted—To accept the Bills as read and corrected and the Assessors are empowered to Assess a Sum on the Inhabitants of this Town Sufficient to Pay the Same—

Voted—To allow Six Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Hundred feet of two inch Oak Plank and five Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Hundred for inch and half Oak Plank—Voted—To Grant the sum of thirty Pounds for the support of Schools—Voted—That the Schools be kept three months in each part of the town where Schools are kept

Voted—That Capt. Eli Parker, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> and Moses Cooke be a Committee to examine the Petition of John Billings and others and report what is proper to be Done

Voted—That the Assessors be empowered and Directed to Assess the sum of one hundred pounds on the Inhabitants of this Town for the Payment of a Note given to L<sup>r</sup> John Field in behalf of the Town

Attest NATH<sup>LL</sup> DICKINSON JUN<sup>R</sup> Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 28<sup>th</sup> 1785

Mr Eben<sup>r</sup> Boltwood was chosen Moderator

Voted—Elisha Smith an Assessor—Voted—that the Assessors Assess a Sum Sufficient to Pay the Bills exhibited by D<sup>r</sup> Cutler—Voted—To Grant the Sum of Six Pounds in Addition to the Bounty of the Commonwealth to any Inhabitant of this Town, who shall Kill a Wolf within Ten miles of Amherst meeting House, or taking the track of a Wolf within said limits, shall pursue and kill the same in any place whatever

Attest EBEN<sup>R</sup> BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 14<sup>th</sup> 1785

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator

Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk and D<sup>h</sup> Seth Coleman Treasurer

Voted—Joseph Church, Noah Smith, Elisha Smith, Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> and En. John Nash Select men—Voted—Joseph Church, Elisha Smith and Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Assessors—Voted—Stoughton Dickinson Surveyor of Shingles—Voted—Barnabas Sabin and Simeon Clark Jun<sup>r</sup> Constables—Voted—Oliver Clapp, Eben<sup>r</sup> Eastman, Josiah Warner, Stephen Smith Timothy Green Jun<sup>r</sup> and L<sup>r</sup> Aaron Dickinson Surveyors of Highways—Voted—Elijah Dickinson, D<sup>h</sup> Simeon Clark, Timothy Handerson, Joel Moody, Stephen Cole and David Blodgett Jun<sup>r</sup> Tythingmen

Voted—Jonathan Moody Jun<sup>r</sup>—John Ingram 2<sup>d</sup> and Simeon Dickinson Wardens—Voted—Elisha Smith Sealer of Leather—Voted—Samuel Boltwood and L<sup>r</sup> Joel Billing Fence Viewers—Voted—William Clapp, Jonathan Barnes Zachariah Hawley, Eleazer Cows, Moses Cooke and John Morton Jun<sup>r</sup> Hogreeves



Voted—That Hogs yoked and Rung according to Law may run on the Commons from the middle of May to the middle of August

Attest NATH'L DICKINSON JN'R Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Qualified according to the Constitution to Vote for a Governor &c April 4<sup>th</sup> 1785

The Votes for a Governor were as follows—viz—

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Worthington Esq<sup>r</sup>—Sixteen

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup> Nine

His Honor Thomas Cushing Esq<sup>r</sup>—Two

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Azor Orne Esq<sup>r</sup>—Ten

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Benjamin Lincoln Esq<sup>r</sup> Two

The Votes for a Lieutenant Governor were as follows (viz)

For his Honor Thomas Cushing Esq<sup>r</sup>—thirty two

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup>—one

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Benjamin Lincoln Esq<sup>r</sup>—two

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Azor Orne Esq<sup>r</sup>—one

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Worthington Esq<sup>r</sup>—six

The Votes for Senators were as follows (viz)

For David Smead Esq<sup>r</sup> Eleven

For John Hastings Esq<sup>r</sup> Ten

For Noah Goodman Esq<sup>r</sup>—eight

For John Bliss Esq<sup>r</sup>—twenty three

For Timothy Danielson Esq<sup>r</sup>—Ten

For Caleb Strong Esq<sup>r</sup>—twenty eight

For Warham Parks Esq<sup>r</sup>—thirteen

For Moses Bliss Esq<sup>r</sup>—twenty

For Doct<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Hunt—seven

For M<sup>r</sup> John Williams—three

For Simeon Strong Esq<sup>r</sup>—five

For Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup>—three

For M<sup>r</sup> John Nash—five

For M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Arms—three

For M<sup>r</sup> John Billing—three

For M<sup>r</sup> Phineas Stebbins—two

For M<sup>r</sup> Caleb West—two

For Samuel Mather Esq<sup>r</sup>—four

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|        | JOSEPH CHURCH            | } Select men<br>of<br>Amherst |
|        | NOAH SMITH               |                               |
| Attest | ELISHA SMITH             |                               |
|        | JONATHAN DICKINSON JUN'R |                               |
|        | JOHN NASH                |                               |

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 4<sup>th</sup> 1785  
Ensign John Nash was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Grant the Sum of Seventy Pounds to repair the Highways and the Assessors are empowered to Assess the same on the Inhabitants of the Town—  
Voted—To allow three shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at the Highways from the first Day of May to the first Day of October and one Shilling and Six pence for work in the fall—

Voted—Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker, John Billing and Moses Dickinson a Committee to endeavour a Settlement of the Lines between Belchertown, Pelham and Amherst and that they report to the Town—Voted—To accept the list of Jurors—Voted—





Asahel Moody, D<sup>n</sup> Eleazer Smith Moses Dickinson be a Committee to view the Lands Petitioned for by Elijah Hastings and Daniel Cooley and report what is proper to be Done

Attest

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 2<sup>d</sup> 1785  
Noah Smith was chosen Moderator

Voted—To allow to John Field Jun<sup>r</sup> the Rates committed to him to Collect of Josiah Chauncy, Isaac Chauncy, Moses Chauncy and Lemuel Root unless he shall have opportunity to Collect them of said Persons abovenamed—

Voted—To Discontinue that part of the Highway Petitioned for by Elijah Hastings and Grant the same to him on Condition that said Hastings give his security to the Treasurer of the Town within one month for the Payment for the same at the rate of eight Pounds for an acre

Voted—To Discontinue that part of the Highway Petitioned for by Daniel Cooley and Grant the same to him on Condition that said Cooley give his security to the Treasurer of the Town, within one month for the Payment for the same at the rate of eight Pounds for an acre

Voted—That the Select men and Treasurer have a Discretionary Power to call into the Treasury the monies Due to the Town on Notes of hand

Attest

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 16<sup>th</sup> 1785  
Elisha Smith was chosen Moderator

Voted—unanimously not to consent to a Division of the County of Hampshire

Voted—That Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Esq<sup>r</sup> John Billing and M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Boltwood be a Committee to make answer to the Petition presented to the General Court for the Division of the County aforesaid

Voted—That in Case a Division of said County should be obtained the Inhabitants of this Town request to belong to the south part of the County

Attest

ELISHA SMITH Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst October 13<sup>th</sup> 1785  
D<sup>n</sup> John Billing was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Grant forty Pounds for maintainance of schools

Attest

JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 9<sup>th</sup> 1786  
Joseph Church was chosen Moderator

Voted—to allow the Bills as read and corrected, and to empower the Assessors to assess a sum sufficient to Pay the same—Voted—to Grant eight Pounds ten Shillings to support the schools—Voted—That the Town of Hadley and annexed to the Town of Amherst will Refer the matters contained in a Petition signed by John Field and others lately Preferred to the General Court (Praying that their Lands Lying in the first Division of Hadley inner Commons may be Disannexed from the Town of Amherst) to Arbitrators mutually to be chosen by Committees appointed by each of said Towns, which said Committee shall have a Discretionary Power to appoint the time and Place for said Arbitrators to meet, and Conduct the Business relating to Said Petition in Behalf of said Towns in the same manner as Individuals might Do in References Depending between Party and Party



Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker and En<sup>so</sup> John Nash be a Committee for the abovementioned purpose—Voted—To Allow Nathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> the sum of one Pound one shilling and eight pence money paid by him for a Continental Soldier—Voted—To Discharge the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Parsons's Heirs from Paying a Tax assessed on them Dated September 18<sup>th</sup> 1781 for the sum of five Pounds four shillings—Voted—To Allow a Reasonable reward to those Persons who built the schoolhouse in the Northerly part of the Town on the road leading to Sunderland—Voted—To Direct the Select men to lay a Town Road from the road leading from Eben<sup>n</sup> Eastman's to Kelloggs Mill, to the road leading from Maj<sup>r</sup> Peck's to Leverett—Voted To allo[w] Six Shillings p<sup>r</sup> hundred feet of two inch Oak Plank and four shillings and six pence p<sup>r</sup> hundred feet of inch and half Oak Plank. Voted That Timothy Green Jun<sup>r</sup> be paid his Bill for work at Highways by monies Due on the Highway Rate and that the Assessors issue their Warrant to Collect the same—Voted—To allow two shillings and eight pence p<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at Bridges

Attest JOSEPH CHURCH Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 6<sup>th</sup> 1786  
Leit John Field was chosen Moderator

Voted—Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

Voted—Doct<sup>r</sup> Seth Coleman Town Treasurer

Voted—D<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, Cap<sup>t</sup> Moses Cooke, Joseph Church, Joseph Eastman Jun<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Boltwood, Select men

Voted—Cap<sup>t</sup> Moses Cooke, D<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, and Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Esq<sup>r</sup> Assessors

Voted—Stephen Smith, John Eastman and Daniel Kellogg Jun<sup>r</sup> Constables

Voted—Stephen Cole, Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker, Elijah Dickinson, Joel Moody Andrew Kimbal Jun<sup>r</sup> Elijah Elmer and Moses Hastings Surveyors of Highways and Collectors of Taxes

Voted—Samuel Hastings, Timothy Handerson, Simeon Cows, Edward Smith Simeon Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> and John Eastman Tythingmen

Voted—E<sup>n</sup> Elijah Hastings, Moses Cooke and L<sup>t</sup> Noah Dickinson—Wardens

Voted—William Clapp, Israel Dickinson, Timothy Green Jun<sup>r</sup>, David Warner Andrew Kimbal Jun<sup>r</sup> and David Ingram—Haywards

Voted—Jacob McDaniell, Oliver Cows and Timothy Green Jun<sup>r</sup> Fence viewers

Voted—Joseph Church Surveyor of Shingles and Clapboards

Voted—L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hastings, Sealer of Leather

Voted—To Grant the sum of seventy Pounds to repair the Highway

Voted—To Allow three shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at Heighways from the first Day of May to the first Day of September and two shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day in the month of September and one shilling and sixpence afterwards

Voted—That Hogs yoked and ringed according to Law may run on the Commons from the Middle of May to the Middle of August

Voted—To Build a Schoolhouse in the Northeast part of the Town

Voted—That Elijah Baker, Josiah Warner and Enos Dickinson be a Committee to build the same

Voted—John Billing, Eleazer Smith and Jacob McDaniell be a Committee to examine the State of the Treasury

Voted—to accept the following report of the Select men for laying out a road from the road which leads from Ebenezer Eastman's to Kellogg's Mill, into the



Road by Jonathan Howard's House, said Road is laid out three rods in width till it comes to the top of Pine hill, then two rods wide to the road leading by Howards house—Described as follows—

East 87 rods on Amariah Dana's North line to a Town road—then East crossing the abovesaid town way 4 rods to a Stake and stones it being a Corner of David and Eleazer Cows Land—then East 1 deg 30 min North on the abovesaid, Cows Land 24 rods to a stake—then East 24 deg south on Eben<sup>r</sup> Eastman's land 17 rods and 12 links to a stake and stones, then East 13 deg North on said Eastman's land 8 rods to a stake and stones; then East 28 deg North on said Eastman's land 16 rods to a stake and stones, then easterly to a white Oak, then East 11 deg North 16 rods to a white Oak, then East 5 deg 30 min North 10 rods to a stake; then East 28 rods to the road North of Howard's—the line between Eleazer Cows, David Cows and Ebenezer Eastman to be the Centre of the road

Attest JOHN FIELD Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst April 3<sup>d</sup> 1786

Votes, for a Governor were as follows (viz)

For his Excellency James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup> twenty three

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Benjamin Lincoln Esq<sup>r</sup> eleven

Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> one

Votes for a Lieutenant Governor were as follows (viz)

For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Nathaniel Gorham Esq<sup>r</sup> twenty three

His Honor Thomas Cushing Esq<sup>r</sup> seven

Votes for the Senators were as follows (viz)

For Timothy Danielson Esq<sup>r</sup> thirty two

Caleb Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> forty three

John Hastings Esq<sup>r</sup> thirty three

Oliver Phelps Esq<sup>r</sup> forty one

William Shephard Esq<sup>r</sup> seventeen

Simeon Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> three

Samuel Mather Esq<sup>r</sup> three

Attest

JOSEPH CHURCH  
EBEN<sup>r</sup> BOLTWOOD  
JOSEPH EASTMAN JN<sup>r</sup> } selectmen  
of  
Amherst

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst April 3<sup>d</sup> 1786

Joseph Eastman Jn<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator

Voted -To Accept the List of Jurors laid before the Town by the Select men

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst May 1<sup>st</sup> 1786

L<sup>t</sup> John Field was chosen Moderator

Voted—That Simeon Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> be requested to Continue the Action brought by the Executors of the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons Dec<sup>d</sup> against the Town untill August Term—

Voted—To Direct the Treasurer to Collect the Debts Due to the Town from individuals as soon as he can by Law—

Voted—L<sup>t</sup> Moses Rowe, John Billing and L<sup>t</sup> John Field a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Martin Kellogg and report to the Town what is proper to be Done respecting the same

Voted -That Martin Kellogg and Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> be Joined to the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Treasury



At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst May 1<sup>st</sup> 1786

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator.

Voted—Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Esq<sup>r</sup> and Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker Delegates to meet in County Convention to take into Consideration the expediency of a Division of the County or any alterations as to the places of holding the Courts and Register's Office in said County

Voted—That the Treasurer be Directed to Pay Elisha Porter Esq<sup>r</sup> his Demands on an Execution he hath against the Town

Attest NATH<sup>LL</sup> DICKINSON JN<sup>R</sup> Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst June 12<sup>th</sup> 1786  
D<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Discharge Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jn<sup>r</sup> late Treasurer of this Town from all Demands against him as Treasurer and said Dickinson hereby Discharges the Town from all Demands against them as Treasurer—Voted—That each Surveyor expend the money Committed to him within the District he is ordered to repair—Voted—That upon either of the Surveyors of Highways for the year 1786 presenting his Rate Bill to the Town Treasurer and Certifying on the same that the whole sum committed to him has been by him collected and expended in repairing that part of the Highway committed to his care, or a part thereof being collected in Labour with a Sum of money amounting in the whole to the sum Committed to him To Direct the said Treasurer to receive such rate bill so executed as above or a part in money as above Described and give the Surveyor presenting the same a Discharge therefrom—Voted—The Select men a Committee to find how much is Due from the Town to the Heirs of the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons Deceas<sup>d</sup>—Voted—That L<sup>t</sup> Moses Rowe Cap<sup>t</sup> Moses Cooke and Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Esq<sup>r</sup> be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by L<sup>t</sup> Zebina Montague and report to this meeting—Voted to adjourn to friday 16<sup>th</sup> inst at three of the Clock in the afternoon, being met according to Adjournment—Voted—Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Dickinson, Major Mattoon and M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Goodale a Committee to view and Appraise the Land Petitioned for by Martin Kellogg—Voted—to Discontinue that part of the Highway hereafter Described and Grant the same to L<sup>t</sup> Zebina Montague he giving security to the Town Treasurer for Payment for the Same at the rate of fifteen Pounds P<sup>r</sup> acre on or before the first Day of May next; said Lands are Described as follows—viz—Beginning at the North west corner of said Montagues shop and runs east 19 deg 30 min North ten rods, thence east 5 deg north 14 rods and 12 feet thence East 26 deg South 14 rods and 11 feet—thence south four feet—thence west 37 rods and 3 feet adjoining Moses Warner's north Line—containing one Acre and fourteen rods

Attest

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst August 7<sup>th</sup> 1786

Major Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon was chosen moderator—Voted To reconsider the vote passed the last meeting Directing the Treasurer to Postpone Collecting the town Debts, and that he be Directed to Collect them immediately agreeable to a former vote of the Town respecting the Treasurers collecting the town Debts without Delay

Attest EBEN<sup>R</sup> MATTOON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst July 13<sup>th</sup> 1786





M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Boltwood was chosen Moderator—Voted—That Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker Moses Cooke and Isaac Goodale be a Committee to Appraise the Land Petitioned for by Titus Stevens

Voted—To Grant the Sum of two Hundred and fifty Pounds to Pay the Debts Due to the Heirs of the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons Deceas<sup>d</sup> and the Assessors are empowered to Assess the Same

Attest EBEN<sup>r</sup> BOLTWOOD Mod<sup>r</sup>

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1787  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Moses Cooke Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator

Voted—To allow Six Shillings for two inch Oak Plank and five Shillings for inch and half Oak Plank

Voted—To allow the Bills as read and corrected. and that the Assessors be empowered to Assess a sum on the Inhabitants of the Town sufficient to Pay the same

Attest

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst January 12<sup>th</sup> 1787

M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Cooley was chosen Moderator

The following Petition was read and passed; and thereupon ordered that the Moderator send an attested Copy of the same as the General Court for their consideration at their next Sessions

The Petition is as follows, to wit—

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in their present Sessions—A Petition

Wherein your Petitioners the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Humbly Sheweth—That your Petitioners being Deeply affected with the Calamities and Distresses that attend and embarrass the Good People of this Commonwealth: your Petitioners being sensible that there are many things in the transactions of our Publick Affairs that have a Direct tendency to involve the Common People in a State of Slavery and Poverty without some speedy relief.

Your Petitioners therefore think it their Duty and Do encourage themselves in presenting this their Petition to your Honors for relief in the following Articles all which we apprehend are within your Honors power to redress—The Existence of the Court of Common Pleas; a grievance as all matters cognizable before may be brought to a final Issue by a Jury of 12 men Drawn out of the Box by order of a Justice—The General Court Sitting in Boston—a Grievance—as there is an undue influence upon the Members by the Merchants and other Inhabitants of said Town, together with many other Diversions by attendance to Trade, and much noise and Claims stretched, likewise as eatables are much Dearer at the second or third hand—The Grants made to the Officers of Government—far beyond their Deservings or the Principles of the Constitution and the Peoples abilities to Pay—The Present mode of Paying State Securities without any Description between the original Owners and those who purchase them—The present appropriation of the Excise and Impost money: as it ought to be improved to answer the Demands of the foreign Debt—The late great Tax imposed on the People for far beyond their abilities to Pay under their Distressing circumstances together with the speedy collection of the same—The present mode of Taxation, as it operates unequally



between Poles and Estates, and the Mercantile and Landed Interest a grievance—The want of a sufficient Medium of Trade to prevent the mischiefs arising from a scarcity of money, a Grievance. To which your Petitioners add their most fervent Desires that your Honors would Repeal the Suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus likewise the Riot Act; the continuance of those Acts your Petitioners apprehend will be greatly subversive of the Constitutional Protection of the good People of this Commonwealth—Your Petitioners request your Honors to empower the Select-men of the Several Towns in this Commonwealth to effect the whole matters of Licencing Innholders and Retailers, likewise the registering of Deeds in every Town—That the Treasurer of each Town be empowered to collect the Excise money—The often Sitting of the Court of Sessions, a Grievance, as we think one session of said Court in a year would Serve to all intents and purposes—We likewise Pray your Honors to send to all the Towns in the Commonwealth to Know their minds with regard to the Revisal of the Constitution as your Petitioners apprehend great improvements may be made upon the same—That the Settlement of Estates or all Probate matters be accommodated and settled in each Town, as it will be a vast saving to the Fatherless and Widows—To all which your Petitioners beg leave to suggest, that the gratifying the above requests will be a happy means to prevent a strenuous movement of the western Counties to be formed into a separate State—all which is humbly submitted to your Honors Candor and Wisdom as in Duty bound shall ever Pray

by order

The forementioned meeting being assembled January 12<sup>th</sup> 1787 made choice of John Billing, Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker, Moses Dickinson Esq Martin Kellogg and E<sup>n</sup> John Nash to Draught the foregoing Petition and adjourned to the Wednesday following when being met according to adjournment the same was read and accepted and ordered to be Recorded in the Town Book of Records

Attest

DANIEL COOLEY, Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 26<sup>th</sup> 1787

Mr Zebina Montague was chosen Moderator

Voted, Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk—Voted—D<sup>r</sup> Seth Coleman Town Treasurer—Voted—L<sup>t</sup> John Field, D<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Boltwood, Joseph Church and Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Select men—Voted—D<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, D<sup>n</sup> Seth Coleman and D<sup>n</sup> Hezekiah Belding Assessors;—Voted—Zebina Montague, Daniel Cooley, Elijah Baker David Blodgett and Solomon Boltwood Wardens—Voted—Capt<sup>n</sup> Moses Cooke Major Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon, Simeon Clarke Jun<sup>r</sup> E<sup>n</sup> Joseph Pettes, and D<sup>n</sup> Hezekiah Belding, Tythingmen—Voted—Gideon Dickinson, Stoughton Dickinson, Gideon Parsons, David Blodgett, Eleazer Cows, Simeon Clarke Jun<sup>r</sup> Surveyors of Heighways—Voted—Joseph Eastman Jun<sup>r</sup> and Enos Cows Constables—Voted L<sup>t</sup> John Field and L<sup>t</sup> Noah Dickinson Fence Viewers—Voted—Gideon Dickinson, Stoughton Dickinson, Gideon Parsons, David Blodgett, Eleazer Cows, and Simeon Clark Jun<sup>r</sup> Collectors of the Heighway rate—Voted—Joseph Church, surveyor of Shingles—Voted—D<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith Sealer of Leather—Voted—E<sup>n</sup> Elijah Hastings, Levi Cooke, David Cows, Nath<sup>l</sup> Edwards and Eldad Moody and L<sup>t</sup> John Field Haywards—Voted—Jonathan Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Packer of Beef—Voted—To grant the sum of Seventy Pounds to repair the Heighway and the Assessors are empowered to Assess the same—Voted—To



allow three Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at Highways from the first Day of May to the first Day of September and two Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day in September and October and one Shilling and six pence the remainder of the year—Voted—To Grant to Isaac Hubbard Six Pounds for killing a grown Wolf and the Assessors are empowered to Assess the same—Voted, that Hogs yoked and rung according to Law may run on the Common from the first Day of May to the first Day of September

Attest

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst on the first Monday of April A D. 1787

Voted for Governor as follows—viz.

His Excellency James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup> thirteen

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> eight

Voted for Lieutenant Governor as follows, viz, the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Benjamin Lincoln Esq<sup>r</sup> twenty two—

Voted—for Senators as follows—viz

For David Smead Esq<sup>r</sup> Seventeen

William Shephard Esq<sup>r</sup> Nineteen

Caleb Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> twenty one

John Bliss Esq<sup>r</sup> twenty one

Oliver Phelps Esq<sup>r</sup> four

John Hastings Esq<sup>r</sup> one

Attest

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN FIELD                        | } Select men<br>of<br>Amherst |
| EBEN <sup>r</sup> BOLTWOOD        |                               |
| ELISHA SMITH                      |                               |
| JONATHAN DICKINSON J <sup>r</sup> |                               |
| JOSEPH CHURCH                     |                               |

Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 14<sup>th</sup> 1787  
Mr Daniel Cooley was chosen Moderator

Voted—To relinquish to Isaac Hubbard a Town Tax against him and committed to Stephen Cole to collect, he having paid the same or Similar Tax in another Town—Voted—To empower the Select men to give an order to Isaac Hubbard to Draw Six Pounds out of the Town Treasury for his killing one grown Wolf—Voted—to accept the List of Jurors laid before the Town by the Selectmen --Voted--That the Select men be empowered to give an order to Stephen Smith to Draw Seven Shillings and Six pence out of the Town Treasury for removing a Poor Family to Sunderland--Voted--That the Town Tax which should have been committed to Daniel Kellogg Jun<sup>r</sup> be committed to the Constables for the present year and the Assessors are Directed to Issue their warrants accordingly

Attest DANIEL COOLEY Moderator

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst August 13<sup>th</sup> 1787  
The votes for a Register of Deeds for the middle District in the County of Hampshire were as follows

For Solomon Stoddard Esq<sup>r</sup> thirty eight

For Eben<sup>r</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> two



At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Oct<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1787  
L<sup>t</sup> John Field was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Grant fifty Pounds to Support Schools

Voted—to keep the Schoóls the ensuing year

Voted—that the east School in the middle, shall have one month more than the others to make up what they wanted of their proportion the last year

Voted—that each District or School shall have a sixth part of the [sum] that is granted for the Support of the Schools

Voted—To choose a Commiitee to Instruct our Representative

Voted—That D<sup>n</sup> John Billing, Martin Kellogg, L<sup>t</sup> Moses Rowe Elijah Baker, Moses Cooke Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker and Joseph Dickinson be the Committee aforesaid

Voted—to Adjourn to friday the 19<sup>th</sup> instant at three O'Clock P. M. then to meet in this place

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst Oct<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1787

Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker was chosen Moderator

Voted to adjourn this meeting unto the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of November next

Nov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1787. Being met according to adjournment—

Voted—to Sell some part of the Town Heighway—Voted—That the Heighways North and South shall be in no place less than Six rods wide where they are now so wide—Voted—That the Committee act Discretionary as to the width of the Cross Highways—Voted—To Choose a Committee to Dispose of said Highways or any part thereof as they think proper—Voted—Cap<sup>t</sup> Eli Parker, Moses Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Simeon Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> John Field M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Cooley, Joseph Church, Josiah Warner, Enos Dickinson, and Noah Smith be the Committee aforesaid—Voted—To allow the People in the Northeast part of Amherst, eighteen pounds, in Case they shall build for the Town such a School house as is built in the North west part of the Town—

Voted—To Abate to L<sup>t</sup> Ezra Rood the Rates that were made against him when in Northampton Goal—Voted—To Discharge L<sup>t</sup> Ezra Rood from all other Rates in the Constables hands against him provided he give a Note to the Town Treasurer for the same sum on interest, for the use of the Inhabitants of this Town

Attest                      ELI PARKER Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 14<sup>th</sup> 1788

Joseph Church was chosen Moderator

Voted—to adjourn to Monday next at one of the Clock afternoon then to meet at the first Parish meeting house—being met according to Adjournment—

Voted—to accept the Bills as read and corrected and to empower the Assessors to Assess a Sum of money on the Inhabitants of this Town sufficient to Pay the same—Voted—six shillings P<sup>r</sup> hundred feet for two inch Oak plank and five shillings for inch and half Oak Plank—Voted—three shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day to the Assessors—

Voted—three shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for work Done at Bridges and three shillings and four pence P<sup>r</sup> Day for Hewers of Timber—

Voted—two shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day to each of the Committee appointed to Ascertain the Town and County Heighways—Voted—To Adjourn to the Seventh Day of





February next at one of the Clock afternoon then to meet at the first Parish meeting house—Being met according to Adjournment—

Voted—To allow thirty Pounds for Building the schoolhouse in the north east part of the Town—

Voted—To Abate to Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> the rates he had to collect against Daniel Cheney, Enos Rolph and William Moores—Voted—To abate to Thomas Marshall the whole of the rates Due from him to the Constables of this Town not by them collected—

Voted—To choose a Committee to proportion the money that may arise from the sale of Highways to each Parish in this Town—Voted—That D<sup>r</sup> Seth Coleman Col. Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon, D<sup>n</sup> John Billing, L<sup>r</sup> Zebina Montague be the Committee aforesaid

Attest JOSEPH CHURCH Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the town of Amherst holden at the Meeting-hous in the First Parish in S<sup>d</sup> Amherst on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of March A. D. 1788 Come to the following Votes. (Viz)

Voted Joseph Church Moderator. Voted Seth Coleman, Town Clerk

Voted Seth Coleman town treasurer—

Voted Josiah Warner, Joseph Dickinson, W<sup>m</sup> John Billings, Thomas Hastings & Timothy Green Selectmen

Voted Jnr. John Nash, Josiah Warner & Medad Dickinson Assessors—

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting for the Space of one Hour and half and then meet at this place—The Meeting being Met According to Adjournment Come to the Following Votes (viz)

Voted to Chuse two men for Constables the Present year—

Voted Medad Moody & Eleazer Cowles Constables.

Voted to Chuse six Teythingmen this year—

Voted Simeon Clark, Timothy Henderson, John Eastman, Perez Dickinson, Enos Dickinson & David Cowles teything men—

Voted to Chuse Seven Survayors of Highways this year—

Voted Zeachariah Hawley, Ebenezer Dickinson, Joseph Dickinson, Noadiah Smith, Moses Hastings, Elijah Hastings and Nath<sup>l</sup> Alexander Smith Surveyors of Highways—Vot. the Surveyors of Highways be Collectors of Taxes—Voted W<sup>m</sup> Elisha Smith Sealer of Leather.

Voted Joseph Church Surveyor of Shingle & Clabboards—Voted Last John Hayward.

Voted to have two Fence Viewers this year—Voted Elijah Dickinson & Allison Cowles be the Fence Viewers above.

Voted to Rais Seventy Pounds to Reprove the Highways this year—

Voted to empower the Assessors to levy a tax to rais the same.

Voted to allow three Shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day for works at the Highways from the first of May to the twentieth of September—and to allow one Shilling and Eight Pence P<sup>r</sup> Day from the twentieth of September to the first of December—

Test. JOSEPH CHURCH. Moderator.

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the town of Amherst holden at the Meeting-hous of the First Parish in Said Amherst on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 1788, Come to the Following Vote viz—V—Thomas Hastings Moderator—



Voted to Chuse three men as a Com<sup>tee</sup> to examine the Treasury to Ascertain what sum is necessary to be Assessed on the town to discharge the Debt due to the Hears of the Rev David Parsons, Late of Amherst Deceas<sup>d</sup>—and make reports to April Meeting.

Voted Col. Ebenezer Mattoon, John Nash & Capt. Eli Parker be the Committee above.

Voted to abate W<sup>m</sup> Jearild Rate on Thomas Hastings—List (Viz)

Voted that the rates of Gayes Rowe, Silas Robbins, Edward Allen, David Fuller, W. M. Rolf, Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck 2<sup>d</sup> and Roswell Clay in Thomas Hastings List upon Town Rate Lay for one year before the Treasurer Call upon him for them—

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to thirsday. the thirteenth day of March at one of the Clock in the Afternoone—

Thirsday, the thirteenth day of March 1788 the town being Met according to Adjournment Come to the following Votes (viz)

Voted to Sel the Hole of the town ways as they have bin Survey<sup>d</sup> by the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed by the town for that Purpos in Nov 12 : 1787 & at the Price they have affixed to each bit of ground—

Voted to accept of the Reports of the Com<sup>tee</sup> Appointed to make the Averadge at the Value of the Highway Property to be Sold in Amherst betwixt the two Parishes that Each Parish might have their Proportion of Said money arising from the Said Lands—

Voted that the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to Survey the Highways in Amherst take their Report and make such alterations as they think Propre and make a Report to the future Meeting—

Voted that no One Shall have his Land without Either Paying for it or Procur- ing a bondsman for the Payment.

Test. THOMAS HASTINGS. Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the town of Amherst on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April A. D. 1788 Voted for Governor as follows (viz)

For the Honorable Elbridge Gerry—Fifty Nine

For His Excelency, John Hancock Twenty Seven—

For the Hon. James Bowdoin one—

Voted For Lieutenant Governor as Follows—

For the Hon James Warren Sixty Six—

For the Hon Benjamin Lincoln, twenty three—

Voted for Senators as follows (viz)

For the Hon Olliver Phelps Esq. Fifty two.

For Mr Phineas Stebbins Fifty seven.

For Mr William Bodman Fifty five.

For Mr David Cooley Fifty Four.

For Hon. Caleb Strong Esq. Thirty Five.

For Hon David Santon Esq. Thirty five.

For Hon John Bliss. Esq. Thirty Four.

For Hon John Hastings Esq. Thirty Four.

For Col Benjamin Eli Esq Four

For Mr Solomon Stodent Esq three.



For Gen. Wareham Parks. one.

For Mr Samuel Mather Esq one.

Attest

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| THOMAS HASTINGS | } | Selectmen<br>of<br>Amherst |
| TIMOTHY GREEN   |   |                            |
| JOSIAH WARNER   |   |                            |
| JOHN BILLINGS   |   |                            |

Seth Coleman Town Clerk—

Hampshire, ss. to Mr Medad Moody Constable. of Amherst—Greeting—In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to Notify and Warn all the Free Holders and other Inheabitants of Amherst Qualified to Vote in Town Meetings that they assemble and Meet at the First Parish Meeting holden in Amherst on the Seventh Day of April Next at two of the Clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles: 1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator. 2<sup>d</sup> To hear the reports of the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to Examine the State of the town Debts, and to make fresh order thereon as Shall be thought Propre.

3<sup>d</sup>. To hear the Report of the Com<sup>tee</sup> directed to make alterations in the Report of the Committee that surveyed the Highway in order for Sale—and make such order thereon as they see fit.

4<sup>th</sup>. To make some order for the Conveyence of the Town Lands to Those Persons that Purchase them—

5<sup>th</sup>. To make some order whereby Each Parish may be furnished of their Proportion of the Money Arising from the Sale of the Town Lands.

6<sup>th</sup>. To see if the Town will release Elihu Hubbard of his rates paid to Stephen Cole.

7<sup>th</sup>. To see if the town will abate Stephen Cole of a number of rates.

8<sup>th</sup>. To see if the town will abate Ephraim Kellogg of Some Persons rates.

9<sup>th</sup>. To Chuse such town officers as Shall be found needfull for the Present year.

10<sup>th</sup>. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors that may be presented by the Selectmen—

Hereon fail not to make some return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us before the time of Said Meeting.

Given and in our Hands and Sed this Thirteenth day of March Seventeen hundred and eighty eight.

Voted at Amherst March 13. 1788

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|--------------------|---|--------------------------|
| JOHN BILLINGS      | } | Selectmen of<br>Amherst. |
| THOMAS HASTINGS.   |   |                          |
| TIMOTHY GREEN JNR. |   |                          |
| JOSEPH DICKINSON   |   |                          |

The Directions of this Warrant have been attested by me. Medad Moody. Constable.

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the Town of Amherst Holden at the Meeting House in the First Parish in S<sup>d</sup> Amherst on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 1788 Voted as follows (Viz)—

Voted Daniel Cooley, Moderator.

Voted to Release Ebeazor Cows from being Constable the Current year.

Voted Solomen Boltwood Constable.

Voted to rais forty five Pounds for the Purpos of Settling with the Hears of the Rev. David Parsons. Late of Amherst—Deceas<sup>d</sup>—



Voted to Empower the Assessors to levy a tax on the Inheabitants to rais the Same.

Voted to accept of the Reports of the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to survey the Highways in Amherst and apprise the Same for Sale according as it Now Stands with the Amendments.

Voted That all the money arising from the Sale of the Town ways shall be averaged by the Last list when the averadge is made: after thene forty five Pounds reduction out for to Pay the hears of the Rev David Parsons late of Amherst—Deceas'

Voted That the Reports of the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed for assessing the Land in the town ways be filed in the Clerks office and Recorded in the Town Records. Voted that the tracts of Land laid out and Described to the Persons respectively named in Said Reports be and hereby are granted in Fee to the Said Persons and their Hears Respectively on the Conditions following (viz) that they Pay the Sums whereat the Several tracts were respectively apprised to the Town Treasurer, or give Security with one good Surity to the town Treasurer for Payment of the same with Interest within one year from the time of giving the Same Security and that when even Said Payment Shall be Made on Security given, the Town the town way in Each Tract Respectively Shall be Discontinued—Provided However, that the Lands in Said Report Described to Nehemiah Strong, Robert Cutler, Thomas Bascum, & Isaac Goodale be excepted out of the grant and referred to the future order at the town—Voted—to accept of the list of Jurors as they have bin red & so forth.

Attest.

DANIEL COOLEY, Moderator.

To the Inheabitants of the Town of Amherst at their Meeting there on Monday the Fourteen Day of January Anno Domini 1788—

The Com<sup>tee</sup> for Disposing of Lands in the Town Ways report that they have according to the Instructions of the Town, Laid out and Surveyed a Town Way Six Rods Wide, between the first and Second Division and another between the Second and third Division of the Same Breadth, Except that in the Way between Second and third Division they have Laid out the way but four rods wide from the Bay Road, to the North side of Stoughton Dickinsons House Lot: Excepting also that in Several Places the Com<sup>tee</sup> have left and reserved the whole breadth of the former Way for Particular or Public use. the Said New Lain Ways are within the old Town way and for the most part Contain the County Roads. The Committee have also laid out Ways, in the Same Manner, there as the Divisions from West to East, four Rods wide, they have measured out and bounded the Several Pieces of Land at the Front, Rear on Sides of Each Mans Lot bounded on the Said Surveyed Ways: which Pieces of Land the Town will sell to the Respective Owners of the lots if they think Propre. The Committee have also appraised Each of Said pieces of Land according to their best skill and judgement and now Exhibit to the Town a Particular list of their Locations and Appraisements—The Following Exhibition shows the names of the men Against whose Lands the Said Pieces of Land are Laid out for Sale. then the Quantity of Land in Acres and Rods: The Several Pieces by the Acre and the Amount of the Lands Laid out for each man to Purchase—





## FROM THE BAY ROAD NORTH BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION.

| Owners of Lots, and Descriptions—                                                                | Quantity          | Price per  | Sum to        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|
|                                                                                                  | of Land.<br>A. R. | Acres<br>£ | be Paid.<br>£ |
| Jacob Warner. 8 Rods wide 19 Rods Long.                                                          | 152               | 1 0 0      | 0 19 0        |
| Moses Dickinson, Esq. 8 Rods wide 17 Rods long, thence running 15 Rods to 2 Rods wide.           | 1 51              | 1 0 0      | 1 6 4         |
| Nordiah Smith from a Point 18 Rods to 8 Rods wide thence 20 Rods to 8 Rods wide                  | 1 72              | 1 5 0      | 1 16 3        |
| 8 Rods wide 47 Rods to 4 Rods & half—Medad Moody                                                 | 1 122             | 1 5 0      | 2 4 0         |
| Henry Franklin from a Point running 50 Rods to 3½ Rods wide                                      | 84                | 1 4 0      | 0 13 2        |
| Jonathan Warner. 46 Rods long 4½ Rods wide                                                       | 1 47              | 1 6 0      | 1 13 0        |
| Moses Dickinson, Esq. 3½ Rods Wide 43 Rods long, thence 35 Rods to a point.                      | 1 96              | 1 3 0      | 1 16 3        |
| Capt. James Hendrick 4½ Rods wide, then 35 Rods to 8 Rods Wide, thence 8 Rods Wide 41 Rods long. | 2 66              | 2 0 0      | 4 16 6        |
| Stoughton Dickinson 44 Rods long, & 8 Rods Wide                                                  | 2 32              | 2 2 0      | 4 12 1        |
| Lieut Jonathan Dickinson. 8 Rods Wide 40½ Rods long                                              | 1 4               | 2 0 0      | 2 1 0         |
| Perez Moody 8 Rods Wide thence 13 Rods to a Point                                                | 52                | 2 0 0      | 0 13 0        |
| D'n Elisha Smith. 4 Rods Wide 15 Rods Long to 5½ Rods Wide                                       | 75                | 1 7 0      | 0 12 0        |
| Asahel Moody 4 Rods Wide running 14 Rods to a Point                                              | 28                | 1 7 0      | 0 4 8         |
| Ebenezer Jones 8 Rods Wide 12 Rods long                                                          | 96                | 1 10 0     | 0 16 5        |
| Stoughton Dickinson. 8 Rods Wide 48 Rods long                                                    | 2 44              | 1 10 0     | 4 4 0         |
| Jonathan Moody, Jnr. 8 Rods wide 20 long                                                         | 1                 | 1 10 0     | 1 10 0        |
| Enos Cowles from a point 20 Rods to 3 Rods wide                                                  | 30                | 2 0 0      | 0 7 6         |
| Jnr Elijah Hastings: 3 Rods wide running to 10 Rods and 4 Rods wide, thence 21 Rods 14 Rods wide | 119               | 2 14 0     | 2 0 0         |
| Mr Daniel Cooley 4 Rods Wide 30 Rods to 3 Rods Wide—                                             | 105               | 2 8 0      | 1 11 6        |
| Stephen Smith 3 Rods wide 48 Rods                                                                | 144               | 2 8 0      | 2 3 2         |
| Mr Daniel Cooley 1 Rod Wide 26 Rods Long to 3 Rods wide                                          | 52                | 2 8 0      | 0 15 7        |
| Stephen Smith 2 Rods wide 16 rods to 3 rods wide thence 21 Rds. Long                             | 112               | 2 0 0      | 1 8 0         |
| Jnr. Joseph Pettes 3 r. Wide 22 r. long                                                          | 66                | 2 8 0      | 0 19 9        |
| Amus Nash 3 Rods wide 13 Rods long.                                                              | 39                | 1 10 0     | 0 7 4         |
| Reuben Nash 3 Rods wide 24 Rods long.                                                            | 72                | 1 15 0     | 0 15 4        |
| Mr Daniel Cooley. 3 r. wide 26 Rods long                                                         | 51                | 1 15 0     | 0 9 0         |
| John Williams. 3 Rods wide 26 Rods long.                                                         | 78                | 1 0 0      | 0 9 9         |
| Justus Williams. 3 Rods wide 52 Rods thence 12 Rods to Point                                     | 1 14              | 1 15 0     | 1 17 2        |
| Samuel Hastings. 3 Rods wide 26 Rods long                                                        | 78                | 1 15 0     | 0 17 2        |
| Thomas Hastings. 13 r. wide 23 r. long.                                                          | 69                | 1 15 0     | 0 15 3        |
| Justus Williams. 13 r. wide running 12 r. to 6 rods wide, thence 6 Rods wide 27 Rods             | 1 56              | 1 15 0     | 2 7 2         |
| Simeon Pomeroy, Jnr. 6 Rods wide 20 Rods long                                                    | 120               | 1 0 0      | 0 15 0        |
| Simeon Pomeroy Jnr.—6 Rods wide 25 Rods long                                                     | 150               | 1 13 0     | 1 11 0        |
| Justus Williams 6 Rods wide 32 Rods long                                                         | 1 32              | 1 16 0     | 2 3 2         |
| N. B. Nathan Dickinson Jnr. gave Security for 24 rods of land.                                   |                   |            |               |
| Josiah Thayer 6 r. wide 25 Rods long                                                             | 150               | 1 10 0     | 1 8 1         |
| Nathan Dickinson Jnr. 6 Rods wide 40 Rods long.                                                  | 1 80              | 1 15 0     | 2 12 6        |
| Joel Billings 6 r. wide 30 r. long                                                               | 1 30              | 1 10 0     | 1 13 9        |
| Dcn. John Billings 6 Rods wide 79 Rods Long                                                      | 2 154             | 1 16 0     | 5 6 9         |
| Moses Hastings & Thomas Hastings Heirs—6 Rods wide 21 Rods thence 21 Rods to 3 r. wide           | 1 59              | 2 2 0      | 2 17 9        |
| Capt. David Rick, from a Point 47 Rods to 4 Rods wide                                            | 94                | 2 0 0      | 1 4 3         |
| Jonathan Smith 4 Rods wide 66 Rods long.                                                         | 1 104             | 2 5 0      | 3 14 6        |
| Rev. Ichabod Draper 3 Rods wide thence 26 Rods to 2 r. wide thence 2 r wide 19 rods—             | 97                | 2 0 0      | 1 4 3         |
| Dcn. Jonathan Edwards. 2 r. wide 47 Rods long                                                    | 94                | 2 0 0      | 1 3 6         |
| Philips Edwards 2 Rods wide thence 6 Rods to a point                                             | 16                | 2 0 0      | 0 4 0         |
| Aaron Warner Heirs 4 Rods wide 39 Rods long                                                      | 156               | 2 5 0      | 2 3 10        |
| Simeon Dickinson from a point 42 Rods to 6 r. wide                                               | 126               | 2 5 0      | 1 15 5        |
| Daniel Kellogg from a Point 22 Rods to 4 Rods wide thence 53 Rods to a point                     | 150               | 1 10 0     | 1 8 1         |
| Nathan Dickinson 2 r. wide 65 Rods to 6 Rods wide                                                | 1 100             | 2 2 0      | 3 7 3         |



| Owners of Lots and Descriptions—                                                                                                                      | Quantity of Land. |     | Price per Acre | Sum to be Paid. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----------------|
|                                                                                                                                                       | A.                | R.  | £              | £               |
| Jonathan Dickinson. 25 Rods from a Point to 2 Rods wide                                                                                               | 21                | 2   | 0 0            | 0 5 3.          |
| Capt Eli Parker. 6 Rods wide 48 r. Long. thence 19 R. to 5 Rods wide.                                                                                 | 2                 | 70  | 2 8 0          | 5 5 0           |
| Simeon Strong Esq. from a Point 30 Rods to 3 Rods wide                                                                                                | 45                | 2   | 8 0            | 0 13 6          |
| Den. Hezekiah Belding. 5 Rods Wide 16 r. to 3 Rods wide }<br>thence 27 r. to 4 Rods wide                                                              | 159               | 1   | 15 0           | 1 14 9          |
| Gideon Dickinson 3 Rods wide 24 Rods long. to 2 rods wide: }<br>Thence 20 r. to 1 r. wide: Thence 30 r. to 2 r. wide: }<br>thence 32 r. to 4 r. wide: | 1                 | 75  | 1 16 0         | 2 12 0          |
| Capt. Reuben Dickinson—4 Rods wide 20 r. to 5 wide, thence }<br>30 r. to 4 Rods wide                                                                  | 1                 | 145 | 2 0 0          | 3 16 3          |
| Joseph Morton 4 r. wide 42 r. to 2 r. wide                                                                                                            | 126               | 2   | 0 0            | 1 11 6          |
| Jonathan Smith 4 R. wide 50 R. long                                                                                                                   | 1                 | 40  | 1 10 0         | 1 17 6          |
| Gideon Dickinson. 22. wide 32 Rods long                                                                                                               | 64                | 1   | 10 0           | 0 12 0          |
| John Ingram. 2 r. wide 70 r. to 6 r. wide                                                                                                             | 1                 | 120 | 1 4 0          | 2 2 0           |
| Joseph Eastman 4 Rods wide running 68 Rods to a Point                                                                                                 | 136               | 1   | 10 0           | 1 5 6           |
| Zachariah Hawley 6 Rods wide 32 r. long                                                                                                               | 1                 | 32  | 1 5 0          | 1 9 11          |
| Dn Jonathan Edwards. 6 r. wide 17 Rods long thence 20 Rods }<br>to a Point                                                                            | 1                 | 2   | 1 3 0          | 1 3 3.          |

## FROM BAY ROAD NORTH BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND DIVISIONS.

|                                                                                                                                   |     |     |        |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|---------|
| Simeon Smith 17 Rods wide at Bay Road running 44 Rods to a }<br>Point                                                             | 2   | 64  | 0 12 0 | 1 9 1   |
| Giles Church 8 r. wide 14 Rods long to 6 Rods wide                                                                                | 98  | 1   | 4 0    | 0 14 5  |
| Jonathan Moody. 1 r. wide running 40 Rods to 12 Rods wide                                                                         | 1   | 100 | 1 4 0  | 1 19 0  |
| Joel Moody. 6 r. wide running 36 Rods to 2 r. wide. thence 20 }<br>R. to 4 1/2 wide                                               | 1   | 49  | 1 4 4  | 1 11 4  |
| Aaron Warner, Jnr. Heirs. 12 Rods wide running 34 rods to 5 }<br>Rods wide: thence 10 Rods to 6 Rods wide                         | 2   | 24  | 1 4 0  | 2 11 6  |
| Lemuel Moody. 4 1/2 Rods wide 17 r to 9 Rods wide thence 18 r. }<br>to 2 rods wide                                                | 1   | 53  | 1 10 0 | 2 0 2   |
| Waitstill Dickinson 6 Rods wide running 8 Rods to 10 Rods }<br>wide: thence 10 Rods to 14 Rods wide: thence 45 r. 14 }<br>r. wide | 5   | 14  | 1 15 0 | 8 18 0  |
| Widow Sarah Lee. 14 r. wide 11 Rods N. and South.                                                                                 | 154 | 1   | 15 0   | 1 13 8  |
| Solomon Boltwood 14 Rods wide 44 R. long.                                                                                         | 3   | 136 | 2 0 0  | 7 14 0  |
| John Lee. 14 r. wide 90 r. long                                                                                                   | 7   | 140 | 1 4 0  | 9 9 0   |
| Nathaniel Coleman. 14 r. wide running 20 r. to 12 Rods wide. }<br>thence 12 r. to that Point.                                     | 1   | 42  | 1 4 0  | 1 16 3  |
| Nathaniel Coleman. North side of his lot from a Point. 10 Rods }<br>long to 5 r. wide                                             | 25  | 1   | 10 0   | 0 4 8   |
| Justus Williams. from a Point 61 r. to 14 Rds. wide                                                                               | 2   | 128 | 1 15 0 | 4 18 0  |
| Timothy Green, Jnr. 14 Rods wide 30 Rods long                                                                                     | 2   | 100 | 1 7 0  | 3 10 10 |
| Timothy Green. 14 Rods wide 30 Rods long                                                                                          | 2   | 100 | 1 10 0 | 3 18 9  |
| James Mearrick 14 Rods wide thence 54 to 7 Rods wide                                                                              | 3   | 64  | 1 15 0 | 5 19 0  |
| Eldad Moody 5 r. Wide 45 r. to 7 r. wide thence 19 r. 17 r. }<br>wide                                                             | 2   | 59  | 1 5 0  | 2 19 3  |
| Jnr Joseph Pettes 7 Rods wide 21 Rods long thence 27 r. to 4 }<br>r. wide                                                         | 1   | 135 | 2 10 0 | 4 12 2  |
| Captain Moses Cook. 7 Rods wide running 30 r. to 8 Rods wide                                                                      | 1   | 64  | 1 15 0 | 2 9 2   |
| Ethan Smith 8 Rods wide 20 Rods long to 10 Rods wide                                                                              | 1   | 101 | 1 15 0 | 2 17 0  |
| Den. Eleazer Smith 75 Rods of land more than his former grant                                                                     | 75  | 2   | 0 0    | 0 18 9  |
| Enos Dickinson 4 Rods wide 40 Rods long.                                                                                          | 1   | 1   | 13 0   | 1 13 0  |
| Capt Aaron Dickinson. 9 Rods wide 28 Rods to a Point. From }<br>a Point to 3 Rods wide at ye Rever 42 Rods                        | 1   | 26  | 1 18 0 | 2 6 6   |
| Justus Williams 3 r. wide 32 r. long to 14 r. wide                                                                                | 1   | 120 | 1 18 0 | 3 6 6   |
| Enos Dickinson 14 r. Wide 19 r. long.                                                                                             | 1   | 106 | 1 13 0 | 2 14 10 |
| Martin Kellogg. 14 r. Wide 52 r. long to 11 Rod wide                                                                              | 4   | 10  | 2 0 0  | 8 2 6   |
| Leut Moses Rowe. from a Point 31 Rods long to 2 r. wide }<br>thence 2 Rods Wide 34 Rods long                                      | 102 | 2   | 10 0   | 1 12 1  |
| William Boltwood 2 r. Wide 30 Rod long                                                                                            | 60  | 2   | 12 0   | 0 19 6  |
| Samuel Smith 48 Rods long 12 Rods Wide                                                                                            | 3   | 90  | 2 12 0 | 9 6 2   |



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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------|-----------|-------|-----------------|
|                                                                                                                           | of Land. | Acre | £         | Acres |                 |
| Capt Aaron Dickinson. 2 Rods wide running 54 r. to a Point.                                                               | 34       | 2    | 15        | 0     | 0 15 6          |
| John Boltwood 50 Rods long. 12 rods wide                                                                                  | 3 120    | 3    | 18        | 0     | 14 12 6         |
| Elijah Dickinson. 14 Rods wide, 39 rods long, to 8 Rods wide                                                              | 2 109    | 4    | 0         | 0     | 10 14 6         |
| Mr Nehemiah Strong—8 Rods running 20 r. long to 4½ wide                                                                   | 152      | 4    | 0         | 0     | 3 2 6           |
| Dn. Robert Cutler gR of Land                                                                                              | 9        | 4    | 0         | 0     | 0 4 6           |
| Thomas Bascum gR of Land.                                                                                                 | 9        | 4    | 0         | 0     | 0 4 6           |
| Jrs. John Nash 4 r. about 25 R. to a Point                                                                                | 50       | 4    | 0         | 0     | 1 5 0           |
| Daniel Kellogg. 14 Rds. wide 46 r. long: and 33 r. to 2 r. wide                                                           | 5 112    | 5    | 0         | 0     | 28 10 0         |
| Isaac Goodale. 13½ Rods by 14 Rods                                                                                        | 1 132    | 5    | 0         | 0     | 6 0 0           |
| Moses Cook from a Point 30 Rods to 12 r. Wide, thence 30 Rods 12 R. wide thence 20 R. to 12½ wide thence 18 r to 12½ wide | 6 50     | 2    | 0         | 0     | 12 12 6         |
| Seth Coleman. 2 r. wide 29 r. long                                                                                        | 58       | 3    | 0         | 0     | 1 1 9           |
| Simeon Strong, Esq. 2 r. W 20 r. long to 1½ r. wide                                                                       | 35       | 3    | 0         | 0     | 0 13 1          |
| Jonathan Field 1½ Rods wide 34 r long to a Point                                                                          | 25       | 2    | 0         | 0     | 0 6 3           |
| Rvd David Parsons 12½ r wide 35 Rods long to 14 r wide                                                                    | 2 152    | 2    | 0         | 0     | 5 18 8          |
| Leut John Field 14 r wide 32 r. long.                                                                                     | 2 128    | 1    | 18        | 0     | 5 6 3           |
| Joseph Church—14 r. wide 150 r. long                                                                                      | 13 104   | 2    | 0         | 0     | 27 6 0          |
| Joseph Eastman from a Point 34 r. to 7 r. wide thence 55 r. to 2 r. long                                                  | 2 46     | 2    | 3         | 0     | 4 18 3          |
| John Eastman 13 r. wide running 18 r. to 7 r. wide; thence 44 r. to 12 Rods wide                                          | 3 18     | 1    | 16        | 0     | 6 10 8          |
| Nath'l Dickinson Esq 12 r. wide 55 r. long                                                                                | 4 20     | 2    | 3         | 0     | 8 17 2          |
| Ebenezar Mattoon. 2 r. wide—running 103 r. to 3 r. wide.                                                                  | 1 97     | 2    | 3         | 0     | 3 9 1           |
| Elijah Baker, Junr. 3 Rods wide running 50 r. to 6 rods wide                                                              | 1 65     | 1    | 10        | 0     | 2 1 2           |
| Elijah Baker Senior. 12 r. wide 76 r. long to 11 r. wide                                                                  | 5 74     | 2    | 3         | 0     | 11 15 9         |
| John Ingram 11 r. wide running 51 r. to 6 r. wide.                                                                        | 2 113    | 1    | 4         | 0     | 3 4 4           |
| Simeon Cowles 6 r. wide running 18 rods                                                                                   | 108      | 1    | 4         | 0     | 0 16 2          |
| David Smith Jr 6 r. wide running 17 rods to a Point                                                                       | 51       | 1    | 4         | 0     | 0 9 8           |
| Andrew Kimball, 13 r. wide 50 r. long                                                                                     | 4 10     | 1    | 4         | 0     | 4 17 6          |
| The Cross Road South of John Lees. From Lt Jonathan Dickinson 6 r. wide 74 r. Long                                        | 2 124    | 2    | 0         | 0     | 5 11 0          |
| Solomon Boltwood. From a point 18 rods to 5 r. wide: then 32 rods to a point                                              | 123      | 2    | 0         | 0     | 1 11 3          |
| John Lee. 6 rods wide 19 rods long thence 18 r. to 1 r. wide. thence 32 r to 6 r. wide: thence 120 r 6 rods wide          | 6 49     | 1    | 10        | 0     | 9 9 2           |

## THE ROAD FROM HADLEY TO PELHAM.

|                                                                                                                                                       |       |   |    |   |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---|----|---|---------|
| Simeon Strong, Esq. 13½ rods wide running 24 r. to 7 r. wide.                                                                                         | 1 86  | 4 | 5  | 0 | 6 10 6  |
| Gideon Parsons from 1 r. wide running 10 r to 1½ r wide.                                                                                              | 12    | 3 | 5  | 0 | 0 5 0   |
| Rev David Parsons. 1½ r wide 14 r to 9 r wide thence 16 r to 12½ r wide thence 12 r to 14 r. wide thence 18 r to 16 r wide then 11 r to 15 r wide     | 3 104 | 3 | 5  | 0 | 11 17 2 |
| Mr Ebenezer Boltwood 7 r wide Running 16 r to 3½ r wide                                                                                               | 84    | 4 | 0  | 0 | 2 2 0   |
| Den. Robert Cutler 5½ rods wide running 12 r. to a Point East of his house thence from a Point a little East of his house 48 rods west to 9 Rods wide | 1 77  | 3 | 18 | 0 | 4 15 7  |
| Den. Simeon Clark 15 r Wide 42 r to 7 r wide: thence 58 r to a Point from a Point 48 r to 16 r wide at Hadley line                                    | 5 119 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 22 8 2  |
| Solomon Boltwood 9 r wide running 38 rods to 16 r. wide: thence 16 r. wide 34 r: thence 48 r. to a Point at Hadley Line.                              | 8 123 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 34 3 11 |
| Mr. Simeon Strong, near Mr. Boltwoods shop 10 r wide 13 r long                                                                                        | 13    | 4 | 0  | 0 | 0 6 6   |
| Simeon Dickinson. 2 r wide running 30 r to 3 r wide                                                                                                   | 120   | 4 | 0  | 0 | 3 0 0   |
| Zebina Montague from a point 8 r to 2 r. wide thence East 22 r to a Point                                                                             | 30    | 5 | 0  | 0 | 0 18 2  |
| Jacob Mc Daniels a Piece of Land South of the Pound as staked out by ye Comtee.                                                                       | 15    | 4 | 0  | 0 | 0 7 6   |
| Jacob Mc Daniels East of the Town 5 r wide 7½ r long                                                                                                  | 41    | 4 | 0  | 0 | 1 0 6   |
| Jacob Mc Daniels another Piece 1½ r wide running 17 r to 1 Rod wide: thence 7 Rods to ½ Rod wide thence 6 r wide to 2 Rods wide                       | 61    | 4 | 0  | 0 | 1 10 6  |



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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Moses Warner from a Point East 20 r. to 6 r wide; thence East 12 r. to a Point | 96                           | 3 10 0                 | 1 4 5                  |
| Moses Warner from a Point 5 r to 2 r wide; thence 99 rods to 3 r wide.         | 1 133                        | 3 10 0                 | 5 15 1                 |
| Moses Warner 3 r wide 48 r long to 8 r wide                                    | 1 104                        | 3 10 0                 | 5 15 5                 |
| Simeon Dickinson. 2 r wide running 99 r to 5 r wide; thence 20 r. to a Point   | 2 76                         | 2 13 0                 | 6 11 3                 |

## THE CROSS ROAD SOUTH OF JOSEPH DICKINSONS FARM.

|                                                                                                              |       |        |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|
| Simeon Strong Esq 6 r wide 166 r long                                                                        | 6 36  | 2 0 0  | 12 9 0  |
| Jonathan Field 6 r wide running 30 r to a Point; from another Point 20 r to 3 r wide; thence 20 r to a Point | 1 50  | 2 0 0  | 2 12 00 |
| Joseph Dickinson from a Point running 150 r to 6 rods wide.                                                  | 2 142 | 1 18 0 | 5 9 9   |

## THE CROSS ROAD SOUTH OF SIMEON COWLES FARM.

|                                                                         |       |        |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| John Eastman 6 r wide 48 r long                                         | 1 128 | 2 3 0  | 3 17 6 |
| Simeon Cowles 6 r wide 6 r long; thence 14 r to a point                 | 108   | 2 3 0  | 1 9 0  |
| Joseph Church from a Point 24 r to 6 r wide; thence 6 rods wide 31 rods | 1 98  | 2 0 0  | 3 4 6  |
| Oliver Cowles 6 r. wide 70 r long                                       | 2 100 | 2 10 0 | 6 11 3 |

The Several Sums affixed to the Respective Farms contained in the foregoing List amounts according to the Computation made by the Committee to the sum of five thousand thirty-three Pounds Five Shillings and Eleven Pence—But there are Several former grants that are not included in the foregoing Assignment which the Com<sup>tee</sup> could not without Difficulty ascertain, and are therefore left, to be Deducted from the Assignments Respectively—the Lands left for a way, from the Leverett Bounds to Mill River, and the Lands left between L<sup>d</sup> John Dickinsons and Justus Williams Farm in First division are not reported by the Committee but left to be hereafter disposed of by the town as they shall think Proper all which is humbly submitted by

True copy of the  
Original List.  
SETH COLEMAN.  
Town Clerk

SIMEON STRONG.  
JOHN FIELD.  
JOSEPH CHURCH.  
ELI PARKER  
NOAH SMITH  
JOSIAH WARNER  
MOSES DICKINSON  
ENOS DICKINSON

} Com<sup>tee</sup>

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the town of Amherst. May 15, 1788.  
Voted as follows—(viz)

Voted Simeon Strong Esq. Moderator

Voted that Hogs shall run ringed and yoked according to law from the Fifteenth Instant of May to the Fifteenth of August next.

Voted to next Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> of five to vew the ground through the third division near Jun. Elijah Hastings, farm and Pais their judgment whether it be Expedient for the town to lay a road across Said Division and make their reports from future Meeting.

Voted Den. Elisha Smith, Capt. Eli Parker, Joseph Church, Capt. Moses Cook, & Jonathan Dickinson. be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above.

Voted that the town Reconsider a Former Vote Relative to the High way that was set to John Boltwood by the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to Sel Some part of the town ways in November 1787 and grant the Same to the widow Mary Boltwood & William Boltwood upon their fulfilling the Conditions as Voted for the Sale of the Highways.





Voted. to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> to transcribe the ancient records of the limits of the town of Amherst & print the Same in Amherst Town Book.

Voted Seth Coleman, Noah Smith, and Jun. John Nash, be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above.

Voted. that the Assessors make the highway rate by the Last list

Voted that the town take into their care & support the widow Mehetibel Smith and all her effects.

Voted to Draw as much Money out of the Treasury as shall be sufficient to furnish Securities to overrun the fine laid on the town for not finding a Representative.

Voted To Send a Com<sup>tee</sup> to view the land on the front of Den. John Billings lot and make report to a future Meeting wheather on what Part of the highway before Said Johns front will be Expedient for the town to Sel.

SIMEON STRONG Moderator.

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the town of Amherst on thirsday the Eighteenth day of September 1788—

Voted Daniel Cooley Moderator—

Voted to raise fifty four Pounds for the Purpos of Maintaining the Skools in Amherst.

Voted that the Assessors be Impowered to levy a tax to rais the Same and that it be put into the First Town Tax after Next January.

Voted to make an Averidge of the Avails of the Town Lands lately asined for Sale betwixt the two Parishes in Amherst.

Voted Dn. John Billings, Col. Ebenezer Mattoon, Seth Coleman, Lieut. Zebina Montague & John McDoniel be the Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpos above.

Voted that the town Examin the Surveyors of the Highway for the year 1787 & See what Moneys there is Still in their hands that hath not been Expended on the highways—

Voted that the Selectmen take up the Matter and all the Moneys they find in the hands of the Surveyors be Expended on the Highways in the best manner for the benefit of the town.

Voted that the Town Come into Some Measure to Establish the town Ways laid out by the Com<sup>tee</sup> for Disposing of the town Street Lands So Called.

Voted To Chuse a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the above Purpose—

Voted Capt. Eli Parker, Dn. John Billings, & Leut. Zebina Montague be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above—and that they make Report to Next January Meeting.

Voted that the Com<sup>tee</sup> Set up Sufficient bounds at Every Point

Voted that the Treasurer be Directed to Postpone for the Present Calling upon Stephen Smith for so much of his Town rate as is Assessed on town Akount.

Voted that the Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen to Establish the highway in Amherst Vew the Highway betwixt Leut John Dickinson & Ebenezer Williams land & see Whether any or all of Said highway can be Sold without Injuring of the town—& that the Said Com<sup>tee</sup> Appraise the Land.

Voted that the forty five Pounds Voted to be raised on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April laist be Assessed Immediately and that the Said rate be made by the Laist Town List—

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to thirsday, the twenty fifth instant of September, at three of the Clock, in the afternoon. and meet at this Place—

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1788, being met according to adjournment Voted as follows (Viz)

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the Schoole hous near land about Parsonses hous—



Voted to rais thirty five Pounds to Settle the Execution against the Town in favor of the Hears of the Rev David Parsons. Late of Amherst Deceast.

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Levy a tax to rais the Same & that Said rate be made by the Laist List.

Test.

DANIEL COOLEY, Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the town of Amherst Holden at the Meeting-hous in the First Parish in S.<sup>d</sup> Amherst on Thirsday, the Sixteenth day of October 1788 Voted as follows. (viz)

Voted Simeon Strong Esq. Moderator.

Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Devise a Plan for the Equatable Division of the avails of the streat land betwixt the two Parishes and make report to an adjourned Meeting.

Voted Coll. Ebenezer Mattoon, Simeon Strong, Esq. Den. Hezekiah Belding, Joseph Church, & Seth Coleman, be y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> above.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting the 27<sup>th</sup> Instant of October, at one of the Clock and meet at this Place——

Monday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 1788. the town being Met according to adjournment. Come to the following vote—(viz)——

Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee Chosen the Last Meeting for a Projecting a Plan for the Division of the Streat land, which is as follows. (viz)

Voted that the monies Arising from the sale of town ways be granted to the two Parishes within the Town to be divided between them so that the Proportion of the First Parish to that of the Second shall be as three hundred sixty two Pounds, thirteen Shillings to one hundred Sixty four Pounds, th'irteen Shillings.

Voted that it is Recommended to Each of the Said Parishes to Appoint a Committee for Settling Account Respecting the Monies arising from Sale of the Town Ways, to See that Each Parish have Justice done in the Settlement——

Voted Debts Collected in money Shall be Paid out by the Town Treasurer to the Treasurer on Committee of that Parish where the Debtor is an Inheabitant. so far as it may be done Consistant with an Appointment between the Parishes Expressed in the former Vote: and the Resept of such Parish Treasurer on Committee Shall be the Town Treasurers Complete Discharge for the Same——

Voted that on Account of the Difficulty of Collecting Debts in Money and for the Ease of Purchasers in that respect the Treasurer shall pay out to Each of Said Parishes the Securities given for Said Lands, Observing as near as may be the Proportion fore mentioned. and Shall Indors his name and Name of office on Each Security so Paid out to Either Parish Treasurer on Committee which Indorsement shall be a Sufficient Power to the Parish or Parish Treasurer Receiving the Same at their own Expense to Sue the Same Security in the Name of the Town Treasurer and to Convert the Contents to the use of the Same Parish without being Accountable to the Town or Town Treasurer therefor.

Voted—that Payment Shall be made in Securities in the Same Maner as hath bin before Ordered Respecting Payments in Money. that is to Say, the securities Respectively Shall be Paid to that Parish whereof the Debtor is an Inheabitant, according to the Proportion before dictated——

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Dictated to make five Entries of all Payments by him made Pursuant to the foregoing Votes, and take Receipts of the



Parish Treasurers on Committees and the Receipt of Securities from Such Parish Treasurer on Committee Shall be his Complete Discharge for the Contents of the Same—

Voted—that when the Averadge on Division hath Proceeded So far as to take the whole of the Debts that belong to one of the Parishes and yet a Surplusage Shall remain undivided the town will Endeavor to make Such Equitable Settlement thereof as Shall be to the Satisfaction of the Parishes and Debtors—

Voted that a Committee be appointed to Enquire into the State of the Judgments and Executions in favor of the town and Cause the Contents thereof to be paid on security as soon as Possible that they may be used in the Adjustment of the Averadge between the Parishes if the town Shall think Propre.

Voted that Simeon Strong, Esq., Ebenezer Mattoon, Esq., and Leut Zebina Montague be a Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpos.

Voted that the Inheabitants of the town who Shall not give their Security according to the Vote the Appraisement of the town on or before the twenty Seventh day of November next, shall have no wright afterwards to Purchase under the Said Vote and Appraisement.

Voted that to Inclose Lands Proposed for sale whose owners Shall not give Security on or before the twenty Seventh Day of November next Shall be Deemed Nuisances on the town Way—

Voted that Ebenezer Boltwood, Ebenezer Mattoon Esq. and Capt Eli Parker be a Committee to take Legal measure for Removing Such. Incumberances as soon as may be after the Expiration of Said Limited time.

SIMEON STRONG. Moderator.

Record of the Obligations given for Streat Land Agreeable to the Vote at the town April 7. 1788.

April 14. Daniel Kellogg with Daniel Kellogg Jun. gave Security for his Streat Land at the West end of his lot. and Mr. Goodales: viz: 28 11 0

May 12. Jonathan Smith and Elijah Dickinson gave security for the Lands assained to them viz to Elijah Dickinson at the South west Corner of the lot lately owned by John Nash and near Den. John Billings hous Also a bit of land at the East End of Jonathan Smiths lot on which he dwells also a bit of land at the east end of said Jonathans lot betwixt Josiah Eastmans & Ebenezer Dickinson &c. 8 10 6

May 16<sup>th</sup> William Boltwood gave Security with Moses Cook Bondsman. for a bit of Streat Land at the North west corner of the lot owned by the Hears of William Boltwood late of Amherst, Deceast, near Den. John Billings hous (the vote of the town May 25<sup>th</sup> 1788) 3 3 4

May 21<sup>st</sup> Widow Mary Boltwood, gave Security with Wm. Boltwood Bondsman for a bit of land betwixt the hous in which She dwells, and the lane opposit to Den. John Billings 3 15 0

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Nathaniel Dickinson, Esq. gave Security with Nathaniel Dickinson. Bondsman, for a bit of Streat land at the East End of the lot on which the Said Nathaniel lives. 8 17 2

October 14<sup>th</sup> Stephen Smith gave Security with Jun. Elisha Hastings, Bondsman for a bit of Streat Land at the west End of his farm opposit his hous. 2 15 10



14<sup>th</sup> Jun Elijah Hastings gave Security with Stephen Smith, Bondsman, for a bit of Streat Land at the west end of his hous lot 2 0 0

14<sup>th</sup> Stoughton Dickinson gave Security with Jonathan Dickinson Jun. for a Bit of Streat Land at the East end of that lot which Stoughton Dickinson bought of Nathaniel Dickinson, as also a bit on the west side of the lot on which Stoughton now dwells 8 19 1

14—Joseph Church gave Security with Joseph Church Jun. Bondsman for a Bit of Streat land at the East end of the lot on which Said Joseph now dwells 26 13 6

15<sup>th</sup> Jacob McDoniel gave Security with Jonathan Dickinson Jun. Bondsman, for three bits of Streat land near his dwelling hous: 2 18 6

16—Leut John Field gave Security with John Field Jun. Bondsman, for a bit of Land at the East end of his farm &c. 5 6 3

16 Esq. Strong gave Security with Jacob McDoniel Bondsman, for a bit of Streat Land on Town way South of Dwelling hous 6 10 6

16. Ebenezer Boltwood gave Security with Jacob McDoniel Bondsman for a bit of town way a little west of Esq Strongs Barn. 2 2 0

16. Capt James Hendrick gave Security with Stoughton Dickinson Bondsman, for a bit of town way at the East end of that lot which Said James bought of Shileab Smith 4 16 6

16<sup>th</sup> Capt Eli Parker gave Security with Eli Parker Jun. Bondsman, for a Bit of Streat Land at the East Part of the lot on which he lives 4 19 0

Martin Kellogg gave Security with Ebenezer Boltwood, Bondsman, for a bit of town Way lying on the West End of the farm on which the S<sup>d</sup> Martin now Dwells 8 2 6

16 Simeon Pomeroy gave Security with David Pomeroy, Bondsman, for a Bit of town way at the West end of the lot on which Simeon Pomeroy now dwells 1 11 0

25. Simeon Strong Esq. gave Security with E. Boltwood Bondsman for a bit of town way near Mr E Boltwoods shop 0 6 6

25 Simeon Strong Esq. in like manner gave Security for a Bit of town way at the west End of Esq Strongs lot near Jonathan Fields dwelling hous 0 13 1

25 Simeon Strong Esq. in like manner gave Security for a bit of town way at the East End of Esq. Strongs lot Near to Capt Parkers dwelling hous 0 13 6

Simeon Strong Esq. in like manner gave Security for a bit of Town Way adjoining to the highway South of Joseph Dickinsons Farm 12 9 0

Nov<sup>m</sup> 29. Simeon Dickinson gave Security with Simeon Dickinson Jun. Bondsman, for a Bit of town way at the East End of Simeon Dickinsons Farm: also a bit of Town way betwixt Said Simeon's and Jacob Mc Doniels Dwelling hous & one other bit west of McDoniels Dwelling hous 10 18 3

11. Jonathan Dickinson gave Security with Will Coleman bondsman, for a bit of town way, at the West end of Said Dickinsons hous lot 0 5 3





24. Sarah Warner gave Security with Zeachariah Hawley bondsman for a bit of Streat land Consigned to heirs late Haybert lying on the South side of the highway, opposit to Jacob McDaniels hous lot 1 4 5
- 24 Leut Jonathan Dickinson gave Security with Stoughton Dickinson, Bondsman, for a bit of town way at the East end of that lot on which John Lee now lives, as also one other bit on the South Side near the Southeast Corner of the Same Lot 7 12 0
- 24 Moses Hastings gave Security with Simeon Pomeroy Bondsman for a bit of town way (viz) Moses Hastings Part of the Highway that was Consigned to Moses Hastings and Thomas Hastings Hears— 1 4 8
24. Samuel Hastings gave Security with Reuben North, bondsman, for a Bit of town way at the West End of that lot on which Samuel Hastings now lives, and also a bit of town way at the West end of that lot Samuel Hastings bought of Moses Warner—: 1 6 2
24. Reuben Nash gave Security with Samuel Hastings Bondsman, for a bit of town way at the West end of Reuben Nashes hous lot. 0 15 4
- Novm. 24. Simeon Pomeroy Jun. gave Security with Moses Hastings Bondsman, for a bit of the town Way at the West End of the lot on which Simeon Pomeroy's hous now stands. 0 15 0
14. Seth Coleman gave Security with Jonathan Dickinson Bondsman, for a bit of town Way at the West End of Seth Colemans lot South of Esq. Strongs lot 1 1 9
24. John Lee gave Security to Jonathan Dickinson Jun Bondsman for a bit of town land, aCross the West end of the lot which John Lee now lives on, also, a Sluis on the South Side of Said Johns hous lot. 18 18 2
24. Nathaniel Coleman gave Security with Esq. Strong Bondsman for two Bits of town Way, one at the South west & another at the north west Corner of the farm on which Nath<sup>n</sup> Coleman now dwells. 2 0 11
- Nathan Dickinson gave Security with Azariah Dickinson bondsman for a bit of Streat land at the West End of the town on which Nathan Dickinson now Dwells 3 7 3
24. Daniel Kellogg gave Security with Daniel Kellogg Jun. Bondsman for a bit of Streat land at the West end of the lot on which Daniel Kellogg dwells which was consined to Isac Goodale 6 0 0
- 24 Daniel Kellogg gave Security with Daniel Kellogg Jun. Bondsman for a bit of town way at the East End of Daniel Kelloggs lot on which he dwells 1 8 1
- 25 Nathan Dickinson Jun. gave Security with Perez Dickinson Bondsman, for a Bit of town way on the West End of the lot on which Nathan Dickinson now dwells—: 2 12 6
25. Justus Williams gave Security with Samuel Hastings, Bondsman For 5 bits of town way, (viz) one at the East End of that lot on which Ebenezer Williams now lives: one other at the West End of that lot on which Justus Williams lately lived: Also at the West End of Justus Williams lot, North of Simeon Pomeroy's, Also at the East End of S.<sup>d</sup> Justus lot North of John Dickinson's lot, also at the West End of the lot on which Ebenezer Williams now Dwells. 14 12 0



25. Den. Robert Cutler gave Security with Simeon Strong Esq. Bondsman, for a bit of town way at the West End of the lot that belongs to Jun. John Nash. 0 4 0

25. Ebenezer Jones gave Security with John Pettes Bondsman, for a bit of Town Way adjoining to Ebenezer Jones hous lot 0 16 5

25 Jonathan Moody Jun. gave security with David Smith Bondsman, For a bit of Town Way on the West Side of Jonathan Moody Jun. Streat land So Called 1 10 0

25. Moses Cook gave Security with Moses Cook Jun. Bondsman for a Bit of Town Way at the East End of that Farm on which Moses Cook now dwells 12 12 6

Novem 25. John Eastman gave Security with Samuel Ingram Bondsman, for a bit of Town Way at the East End of that lot John Eastman Bought of Enos Cowles, as also one other Bit on the South Side of the Same Lot. 10 8 2

25. Zeachariah Hawley Gave Security with David Warner bondsman for a bit of town way at the West end of Zeachariah Hawley,s houslot. 0 5 9

26. Dn. John Billings gave Security with David Billings Bondsman, for a bit of Town Way, at the West End of that lot on which David Billings Barn now Stands 5 6 9

26. Zebina Montague gave Security with Olliver Cows, Bondsman, for a Bit of town way, adjoining to Zebina Montagues hous lot. 0 18 9

26. Moses Dickinson Gave Security with Henry J. Franklin, Bondsman, for a bit of town way lying betwixt the land of Henry J. Franklin, and Jacob Warner Jun. 1 6 4

26. Henery J. Franklingave Security with Moses Dickinson, Bondsman for a bit of town way at the West End of the Farm, on which Henry J Frankling now dwells 0 13 2

26—Aaron Warners Heirs (viz) David Warner & Elisha Warner gave Security for a Bit of Town Way at the East End of that Lot on Which the Widow Aaron Warner now dwells 2 3 10

26 Den Jonathan Edwards gave Security with Nathaniel Edwards Bondsman, for a Bit of Town way at the West End of that Farm on which Gideon Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> now Dwells 1 3 6

26 Rev. David Parsons gave Security with Zebina Montague Bondsman for a bit of Town way on the South Side of the Highway, opposit to Esq. Strongs dwelling hous 11 17 2

26 Rev David Parsons gave Security with Daniel Kellogg Jun. Bondsman for a bit of Town way at the East End of the lot owned by the Rev D: Parsons. opposit Jonathan Fields dwelling hous 5 18 8

26 Elijah Baker Jun. gave Security with Moses Cook Jun. Bondsman, for a Bit of Town way at the West End of the lot North of Ebenezer Mattoons. 2 1 2

26 Olliver Cows gave Security with Zebina Montague Bondsman for a bit of town way on the North Side of the Farm on which Olliver Cows now Dwells 6 11 6



- 26 Moses Cook Jun gave Security with Elijah Baker Jun Bondsman, for a Bit of Town way Consigned to Thomas Bascum at the west End of the Farm on which John Nash now Dwells: Now this obligation was given by order of the Administration. Test. Moses Cook Junr. 0 4 6
- 26 Samuel Smith gave Security with Will<sup>m</sup> Boltwood Bondsman for a bit of town way at the West End of the Farm on which Samuel Smith now dwells 9 6 2
- 26 Den. Simeon Clark gave Security with Judah Clark Bondsman for a bit of Town way on the North Side of Farm on which Den. S. Clark now dwells 22 18 2
- 26 Solomon Boltwood gave Security with Judah Clark, Bondsman for a bit of town way, on the South Side of that lot on which Solomon Boltwood now dwells 35 3 11
- 26 Solomon Boltwood gave Security with Judah Clark, Bondsman, for a bit of town way, at the West End of that Lot, Solomon Boltwood lateley bought of Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson 2d 7 14 0
- 26 Den. Hezekiah Belding gave security with Joseph Dickinson, Bondsman For a bit of Town way at the West End of Den. Hezekiah Beldings hous lot 1 14 9
- 26 William Boltwood gave Security with Samuel Smith Bondsman For a bit of town way at the West End of that lot on Which the Widow Marah Boltwood now lives; also a Bit at the East End of that lot owned by William Boltwood betwixt Moses Rowe and Aaron Dickinson 6 14 8
- 26 Joseph Dickinson gave Security with Den. Hezekiah Belding, Bondsman, For a bit of Town way on the South Side of Joseph Dickinsons hous lot 5 9 9
- 26 Simeon Cows gave security with Solomon Boltwood, Bondsman For a bit of Town way on the South Side of Simeon Cows lot east of his hous lot, and another bit on the West end of Simeon Cows lot north of Ebenezer Mattoons 2 5 2
- 27 Ethan Smith gave Security with Enos Dickinson. Bondsman, for a bit of town way at the East End of that lot on which Ethan Smith now dwells 2 17 0
- 27 Den. Eleazar Smith gave security with Aaron Dickinson, Bondsman, For a bit of Town way at the East End of the Farm on which Den Eleazar Smith now dwells 0 18 9
- 27 Enos Dickinson gave Security with Ethan Smith Bondsman for 3 bits of town way, one at the East End of the lot adjoining to the North Side of James Merricks hous lot which was let to Capt Moses Cook; also a bit at the West end of the lot on which Enos Dickinson now Dwells: also a bit at the west End of Enos Dickinsons lot that lay betwixt the lots of Justus Williams and Martin Kellogg. 6 17 0
- 27 Capt Aaron Dickinson gave Security with Den Eleazar Smith Bondsman for 2 bits of town way, one at the East End of Capt Aaron Dickinsons Lot Adjoining to the North Side of Den Eleazar Smiths hous lot & the other at the East End of Capt Aaron Dickinsons house lot 3 5 0



27 Capt David Rich gave Security with James Mearick. Bondsman, for a Bit of Town way at the East End of that Lot on which Capt David Rich now Dwells

1 4 3

27 Moses Hastings gave Security with Eli Parker Jun. Bondsman, for a Bit of Town way ascoined to Moses Hastings and Thomas Hastings Heirs

1 13 1

27 Joel Moody gave Security, with Stoughton Dickinson, Bondsman, for a bit of Town way at the East End of Joel Moodys lot adjoining to the South Side of Lemuel Moodys house lot.

1 11 4

27 Eldad Moody gave Security with Timothy Green, Jun Bondsman For a bit of town way, at the West End of that lot on which Eldad Moody now Dwells

2 19 3

27 John Ingram 2<sup>d</sup> gave Security with Israel Dickinson Bondsman, For a Bit of Town way at the East End of that lot on which John Ingram 2<sup>d</sup> now dwells

3 4 4

27 Ins John Nash gave Security with Furmin Woods, Bondsman, for a bit of Town way at the West End of that lot on which Jun. John Nash now dwells

1 5 0

27 Jacob Warner Jun. gave Security with Capt Aaron Dickinson Bondsman For a bit of town way at the west End of that lot on which Jacob Warner Jr now dwells

0 19 0

27 Joseph Morton gave Security with Paul Newton, Bondsman, for a bit of town way at the West end of that Lot on which Joseph Morton now Dwells.

1 11 6

27 Ins. Joseph Pettes gave Security with Calvin Merrill, Bondsman for 2 bits of town way, one at the East End & the other at the west End of that lot on which Ins. Joseph Pettes now dwells

5 11 11

December 11. Mr. Nathaniel Strong gave Security with Simeon Strong Esq. Bondsman, for a Bit of town way at the Front of Ensign John Nash's Lot.

3 2 6

Nov 27 Timothy Green gave Security with James Mearick, Bondsman, for a Bit of town way at the East End of that lot on which Timothy Green now dwells

4 3 0

27 James Mearick gave Security with Timothy Green Bondsman for a Bit of town way at the East End of James Mearicks hous lot

3 6 3

27 Timothy Green Jun. gave Security with Eldad Moody Bondsman, for a bit of town way at the East End of the lot on which Timothy Green Jun. Dwells

2 13 10

27 Medad Dickinson gave security with Moses Dickinson Bondsman, for a bit of Town way at the West End of that lot on which Medad Dickinson now Dwells

0 17 6

27 John Eastman gave security with W.<sup>m</sup> Coleman, Bondsman For two Bits of town way, one at the West End and the other at the East End of that farm on Which John Eastman now dwells

4 10 2

27 Moses Dickinson Esq. gave security with Medad Dickinson bondsman for a bit of town way at the west end of that lot on which S.<sup>d</sup> Moses now Dwells

0 13 10





27 Den John Billings gave security with David Billings. Bondsman for a bit of town way at the West End of that Lot on which Leut Joel Billings now dwells 1 13 9

27 Elisha Dickinson gave security with Joseph Dickinson Bondsman, for a bit of town way at the East End of that lot on which Elisha Dickinson now dwells 2 12 0

27 Israel Dickinson gave Security with John Lee, Bondsman, for a Bit of town way at the West End of Israel Dickinsons lot in the second division opposite to S,<sup>d</sup> Israels dwelling hous 7 9 3

27 Justus Williams gave Security with Ebene,<sup>r</sup> Boltwood, Bondsman for a bit of town way lying between Leut John Dickinsons & Justus Williams.s lots in the First Division 26 5 0

27 Den. Elisha Smith gave security with Daniel Cooley Bondsman for a bit of town way at the west end of a bit own,<sup>d</sup> by Elisha Smith opposit to Jonathan Moody Jnr. hous 0 12 0

27 Andrew Kimbal gave security with Andrew Kimbal Jun. Bondsman, for a bit of town way, at the west end of Andrew Kimbals hous lot 4 17 6

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1789. John Dickinson gave security with Nehemiah Dickinson Bondsman, for a bit of town way at the East End of the lot on which John Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup>, now Dwells 1 2 6

1<sup>st</sup>. Nehemiah Dickinson gave security with John Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup>, Bondsman, for a bit of town way at the East End of that lot on which Nehemiah Dickinson now Dwells 0 14 10

1<sup>st</sup> Olliver Dickinson gave security with Den. Azariah Dickinson Bondsman, for a bit of town way at the East End of that lot on which Olliver Dickinson now Dwells 1 5 6

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the town of Amherst Qualified to Vote for Representatives on thirsdlay, the 18<sup>th</sup> of Decembr 1788 Voted as follows (viz)

|                                     |   |                  |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Hon. Samuel Lyman Esq thirty Eight. | } | Representatives. |
| Hon. Theodore Sedwick, Esq. five.   |   |                  |
| William Williams, Esq. five.        |   |                  |

Votes for Electors as follows.

Hon. John Hastings, Esq. twenty four.

Hon. Thomas J. Skinner, twenty-seven.

William Williams, Esq. three.

A true list

Test.

SETH COLEMAN, Town Clerk.

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden on thirsdlay the 18<sup>th</sup> of December. 1788 Come to the following Votes. (viz)

Voted Mr Daniel Cooley Moderator—

Voted to Adjourn this meeting for the Space of one hour and then meet at Landlord Parsons—

Voted that the Treasurer be Directed to take Security for the Streat land so Called of any Persons who may be disposed to give it for the land affixed to their land any time on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January next Provided they will date



their Notes back to the former time that was limited in town Meeting October 27<sup>th</sup>: 1788 (viz) November 27 1788—

Voted to Choose a Committee to rectify sum mistakes in the setting off of sundrey Pieses of Streat land so Call<sup>d</sup> where the land was set to many Persons that the rightfull owners may have the land—

Voted that the Committee Consist of three—

Voted that Den. John Billings, Moses Dickinson, Esq. & Noah Smith be the Committee above—

Voted that the Town will take into their Care, and supporte the Bridge over Hadley Mill River in the West Streat in Amherst Provided that Hadley will grant the Petition of sending of their Inheabitants to be Set to the town of Amherst. (viz) John Dickinson, Simeon Dickinson, Nemiah Dickinson & Silas Wright—

Voted that the Streat land that was Set to Isaac Goodale at the west End of Daniel Kelloggs Lot in the late Distribution of the Streat land so Call<sup>d</sup> is discontinued and granted to Daniel Kellogg upon his fulfilling of the Conditions as set forth in the town Meeting April 7 1788—

Voted to Choose a Committee to Vew and appraise all the Highway lands in Amherst that were not Comprhended in the Reporte of the Com<sup>tee</sup> made January 14<sup>th</sup> 1788 for disposing of some part of the Town ways: that is to Say all the town ways that Can be Sold without Discommoding Either the ornament or Conveniency of the Town—

Voted that the Committee above consist of three

Voted that Col Ebenezar Mattoon, Ebenezar Boltwood and Elijah Baker be the Committee above—

Voted to abate William Jearills note (viz) 6—2—

Voted that the Treasurer wait one year before he call for the rates against gayus Rowe, Silas Robbins, Edmund Allen, David fuller, Widow marah Roli, Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck 2<sup>d</sup> and Roswell Clapp in Thomas Hastings Rate—

Test. DANIEL COOLEY, Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the town of Amherst Holden on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of Janu<sup>r</sup>, 1789, Voted as Follows (viz)

Voted Den John Billings Moderator.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting for one hour and then meet at this Place—the town being met by adjournment at time & Place. Voted as follows—

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Landlord Parson.s—

Voted to accept of the Bills as they have bin red & Corrected.

Voted to Impower the Assessors to levy a tax sufficient to raise the moneys that have bin granted—

Voted to rais Six Pounds twelve Shillings to Pay John Ingram for Providing for the Widow Mehetibel Smith & that the Assessors levy a tax sufficient to rais the Same—

Voted to Choose a Committee to Put a Mr. Daniel Kellogg in Possession of a Bit of town way he hath Purchased of the Town at the west End of his lot which is now in Possession of Capt moses Cook, he giving bonds to the town to Endemnify them from all Caust that may arise in Consequence of the Com<sup>tee</sup> giving him the Possession of said land—

Voted that the Committee Consist of three.

Voted that Den. Hezekiah Belding, Jonathan Dickinson & D<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above—



Voted. to Accept the reporte of the Committee Appointed to make sundry alterations in the town Ways that have been Stacked out for Sale and now leys in file

Voted that the above alterations as now accept<sup>d</sup> be recorded in the Town Book—

Voted that the Persons respecting whome the alterations are made have liberty to give their obligations for said lands within the Expiration of one month Provided they will date their Notes back to the twenty Seventh day of November laist

Voted that the town treasurer be directed to Discount so much on Den. Jonathan Edward Note that was given for Streat land as to reduce it to the Price Prefixed by the laist revising Committee—

Voted that the Selectmen be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Examin the Rates of Capt Aaron Dickinson and give him such orders on the Town Treasurer as they shall judge Request Agreeable to a former Vote of the town and that this Settlement with Said Aaron Shall be Conclusive without Even bringing of it to the town—

Voted to Sel the Highway between Leut John Dickinsons and Justus Williams Land in the third Division which Contains fifteen Acres—

Voted that Justus Williams Shall have Said town way Provided he will give his obligation to the Town Treasurer for Said land at thirty five Shillings Per time and date his note back to the twenty Seventh day of November Laist

Voted that upon Justus Williams fulfilling the Conditions above that the above discribed town way Shall be discontinued and granted to Said Justus.

Voted to abate the rates against Benjamin Rolf in Thomas Hastings list from State rate (viz.) 7s. 6d.—

Voted to abate James Merick Jun. rate in thomas Hastings list for State tax. (viz) 11s. 8d. & also Said James town rate in Said Thomas, s town tax (viz) 6s. 2d.—

Test.

JOHN BILLINGS Moderator

Amherst January 1<sup>st</sup> 1789.—the Reporte of the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to regulate sum mistakes in Laying out of the Streat Land Proposed to be Sold. as follows—(Viz)

| Owners of Lots and Descriptions—                                                                                                                                      | Quantity |      | Price per |          | Sum to |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------|-----------|----------|--------|
|                                                                                                                                                                       | of Land. | Acre | per Acre  | be Paid. |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                       | A. R.    | £    | £         | £        |        |
| The land laid to Moses Warner on the North East side of }<br>Moses Warner, Deceas't farm viz. 3 Rods wide Running }<br>48 r to 8 r wide: be set to Lieut. David Smith | 1        | 104  | 3 10 0    | 5 15 5   |        |
| Capt Reuben Dickinson a grant 114½ Rods Mistake in the Re- }<br>ports 61½ Rods (?)                                                                                    |          | 110½ | 2 0 0     | 0 17 6   |        |
| Diela Joseph Eastman Insert John Eastman 7 r. wide Running }<br>53 Rods to a Point at the east end.                                                                   |          | 106  | 1 10 0    | 0 19 11  |        |
| West End from a Point 22 r. to 7 r wide then 4½ r to 2 r. wide }<br>Moses Dickinson, Esq. 3½ Rods wide Running 8 Rods thence }<br>35 r. to a Point.                   | 1        | 115  | 2 3 0     | 3 15 3   |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                       |          | 89   | 1 3 0     | 0 13 11  |        |
| Medad Dickinson 3½ r wide running 35 Rods.                                                                                                                            |          | 122½ | 1 3 0     | 0 17 6   |        |
| Israel Dickinson 6 Rods wide thence 8 r to 10 Rods wide thence }<br>10 Rods to 14 r wide                                                                              | 4        | 48   | 1 15 0    | 7 9 3    |        |
| Waitstill Dickinson 14 r. wide running 8 r.                                                                                                                           |          | 112  | 1 15 0    | 1 4 5    |        |
| Den. Jonathan Edwards 6 r. wide running 17 thence 16 r to a }<br>point                                                                                                |          | 150  | 1 3 0     | 1 1 6½   |        |
| Diela Gideon Dickinson Insert Elisha Dickinson 3 R wide run- }<br>ning 24 r to 2 r wide, thence 20 r to 1 r thence 30 r to 2 r }<br>thence 32 r to 4 Rods.            | 1        | 71   | 1 16 0    | 2 12 0   |        |
| James Merrick 41 r wide runing Rods to 8 r. thence 36 r. to 7 }<br>Rods wide                                                                                          | 2        | 102  | 1 15 0    | 4 16 3   |        |



| Owners of Lots and Descriptions—                                                                  | Quantity | Price per | Sum to   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
|                                                                                                   | of Land. | Acre      | be Paid. |
|                                                                                                   | A. R.    | £         | £        |
| Timothy Green. jnr 14 r. wide runing 12 r.                                                        | 5 158    | 1 7 0     | 0 13 10  |
| Timothy Green. 14 r. Wide runing 38 Rods                                                          | 3 82     | 1 10 0    | 5 5 0    |
| Lemuel Moody. 4½ r. wide runing 17 r to 6 r thence 18 r to 1 r.                                   | 45 24    | 1 10 0    | 1 13 9   |
| Aaron Warner junr. Deceast. Heirs 12 r wide runing 34 r 8 r }<br>wide thence 10 Rods to 7 r. wide | 2 53     | 1 4 0     | 2 16 1   |
| Diela Joel Billings. Insert John Billings. 6 r wide runing 30 r.                                  | 1 20     | 1 10 0    | 1 13 9   |

JOHN BILLINGS }  
NOAH SMITH } Committee

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Test.

SETH COLEMAN, Town Clerk.

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden on Monday, ye 2<sup>d</sup> day of March. 1789—Voted as follows (viz.)

Voted Ebenezer Boltwood Moderator—

Voted Seth Coleman Clerk and Town, Treasurur

Voted Joseph Eastman, jun, Ebenezer Boltwood, Den. Elisha Smith, Ebenezer Mattoon, Esq & Joseph Church, Selectmen of Amherst.

Voted Joseph Eastman jun, Ebenezer Boltwood, and Daniel Cooley, Assessors

Voted Isaac Marshall, Stephen Smith, Daniel Kellogg jun. Elias Smith Medad Moody & Medad Dickinson, surveyors of Highways.

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be Collectors of taxes—

Voted that Timothy Henderson and Enos Dickinson be ye fence Viewers—

Voted to adjourn this meeting for the Space of one hour and then meet at this Place—the Meeting being met according to adjournment Come to the following Votes—(viz)—

Voted Noadiah Smith & Elisha Dickinson—Constables—

Voted Philips Edwards, Perez Dickinson, Moses Hastings, Medad Dickinson, Elisha Beckwith & John Eastman, Tythingmen,

Voted Noah Smith, Elijah Dickinson. Ins. Elijah Hastings & Leut. Noah Dickinson, Wardens—

Voted. Ins. John Nash, Thomas Lorribee, Judah Dickinson, Silas Mathers, David Blotchet jnr and barnabas Sabin Hog-Reeves

Voted Den Elisha Smith Sealer of Leather.

Voted Stoughton Dickinson, Surveyor of Lumber—

Voted to adjourn for the Space of half an hour & then meet at this Place. the town being met according to adjournment voted as follows (viz)—

Voted to that the Committee appointed to vew the town land north of the Mil river make their reporte to April Meeting

Voted to Raise Seventy Pounds to Repair the Highways the Current year

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Leavy a Tax to Rais the Same

Voted to allow three Shillings Pr day for worke at the highway from the first of May to the twentieth of September and to allow one Shilling & Eight Pence from the twentieth of September to the first of December—

Voted that Hogs Shall run at large, ringed & yoked according to Law from the middle of may to the Middle of August next—

Voted to Pay the Bounty of one Shilling on Every old Crow that Shall be Killed betwixt the first of May and the Fifteenth of June, next Provided they bring the bird to one or more of the Selectmen and take a Certificate of one of the Selectmen that he was killed within the Limited time above Mentioned—





Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Widden or Straighten the Highway from Landlord Parsons's to Hadley line and make reporte to April Meeting.

Voted Leut John Field, Capt Eli Parker, & Joseph Church be the Committee above

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Examin the rates in the hands of the Collectors & Determinine whose rates ought to be abated and whose not and make reporte to April Meeting

Voted that the new Selectmen be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above—

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to Receive no orders from the Selectmen in Payment of Any town rate after the first of April Next, onley on the year's tax in which the servis was due on debt contracted.

Voted that Den. Elisha Smith have the land ascined to him by the Committee appointed to Sel from Part of the town way Provided he give Security to the town as others have done.

Attest.

EBENEZER BOLTWOOD, Moderator.

At a Legal Meeting of the town of Amherst holden on Monday, the Sixth day of April, 1789, the Selectmen Presided.

Voted for governor as follows (viz)

Hon. James Bowdoin, Esq twenty three—

Hon John Hancock, Esq twenty two.

For Lieutenant governor—

Hon Benjamin Lincoln Esq Forty three.

Hon Samuel Adams. one.

Votes for Senators were as follows (viz)—

Gen<sup>l</sup>. William Shepherd Esq twenty four.

Mr. Samuel Henshaw, twenty three.

John Hastings Esq thirty five.

David Sexton Esq thirty five.

John Bliss, Esq two

Samuel Marther Esq one.

Moses Bliss Esq one.

Samuel Fowler, twelve.

David Smead, Esq Eleven.

|                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOSEPH CHURCH.      | } Selectmen<br>of<br>Amherst. |
| EBENEZER MATTON ESQ |                               |
| ELISHA SMITH        |                               |
| JOSEPH EASTMAN      |                               |
| EBENEZER BOLTWOOD   |                               |

SETH COLEMAN Town Clerk—

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the Town on Monday, the Sixth day of April 1789, at three of the Clock in the afternoon voted as follows—(viz)—

Voted Mr. Daniel Cooley, Moderator.

Voted that the Execution the town hath against Mr Moses Cook be Discharg<sup>d</sup> upon Capt Moses Cook's giving Security to the Town for Ten Pounds—

Voted that the Selectmen & Treasurer take Into their hands all the Executions that the Sherifs have in favor of the town, unsettled, and all the Property they have Collected with the Ex<sup>ts</sup> they have had in favor of the Town not Receipt<sup>d</sup> for by the Town Treasurer, and that the S.<sup>t</sup> Selectmen and Treasurer use their Discretion in Securing the Property of the town in the best manner



Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee Chosen in December Laist for surveying and Disposing of all the town ways that was not Comprehended in the Reporte of the Former Com<sup>tee</sup> made in January, 1788, as it now lies in file

Voted that the above Described bits of land as Set forth in the Committees Reporte be discontinued and granted to the Several Persons to which it is respectively Set, Provided they give the Security within two month agreeable to the Price annexed to Each Piece respectively in manner and form as others have done for Streat lands—

Voted to accept from the Vote above the land Set to Isaac Marshal and to be Considered at some future Meeting—

Voted to accept of the list of Jurors as they have bin red—

Voted that the Annual Meetings of April and May be Notified by Posting fourteen days before the time of Said Meeting on boath Meeting Houses in Amherst—

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Next Friday, at 2 of the Clock P. M. at this Place—

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 1789 the town being met by Adjournment Come to the Following Votes (viz)—

Voted that the Reporte of the Selectmen who were appointed a Committee to hear the Petitions of the Constables for the abatement of sundry rates be Committed to a Com<sup>tee</sup> to be Consolidated and brought to may meeting—

Voted that the Committee above Consist of three

Voted that Mr. Zebina Montague, Seth Coleman & Eben,<sup>r</sup> Boltwood be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above—

Voted that Mr Daniel Cooley give his obligation for the land Set to him by the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to dispose of town ways, and that the Treasurer rectifi a mistake in the reporte and take Mr Cooley,s obligation in manner and form as others have done.

Voted to accept of the reporte of the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to make alterations in the town way from Landlord Parsons,s to Hadley line as it now lies.

Test. DANIEL COOLEY, Moderator

Amherst Mass., April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1789. The Committee appointed by the Town to Appraise and Set off the Highway leading from Marshes Mill pond to Leveritt Line to those Persons to which it adjoins, have attended the Same and appraised and set off S<sup>d</sup> land in the following manner (to wit,) Beginning at Leverit Line and Extending South 88 rods & half, 2 rods wide Set to

Mr. Isaac Marshal or the heirs of Mr. Abbot being in whole  
one hundred & Seventy Seven rods of ground at Thirty Six

Shillings P<sup>r</sup> Acre

John Dickinson 100 Rods at 36 p p<sup>r</sup> acre  
Nehemiah Dickinson 66 rods at 36 p p<sup>r</sup> acre  
Olliver Dickinson 170 rods at 24 p<sup>r</sup> acre  
Joseph Eastman Jun. 124 rods at 24 p<sup>r</sup> acre  
Reuben Ingram 31 Rods at Do.  
Azariah Dickinson, 136 rods at 24 p<sup>r</sup> acre  
David Cowles 160 rods at 24 p<sup>r</sup> acre  
Eleazer Cowles  
Amariah Dana

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| £2 : | 0 :  | 2 :  |
| 1 :  | 2 :  | 6 :  |
| 0 :  | 14 : | 10 : |
| 1 :  | 5 :  | 6 :  |
| 0 :  | 18 : | 8 :  |
| 0 :  | 4 :  | 74 : |
| 1 :  | 0 :  | 43 : |
| 1 :  | 4 :  | 0 :  |

E. MATTOON, JUN.  
Per order.



Amherst April 6, 1789. Then the Committee appointed by the town for Widening or Straighting the Road from Mr. Parsons's Farm to Hadley line attended the Business and laid the Roads as follows Beginning at the Hadley Roade at Hadley Line & running thence Straight Close to Solomon Boltwoods garden 80 rods, the Road being four rods wide at Hadley line, & gradually increasing so as to be Six Rods wide at the End of the Said 80 rods thence running so as to take a part of Said Boltwoods garden & door yard thirty rods widening to the Breadth of Seven Rods on the Side of the hill; thence running by Den. Cutlers Fence about 30 rods and Narrowing to the Breadth of Six Rods at the End of Said thirty rods thence Continuing nearly as the Path goes Six rods wide to the north & South rode at Mr Parson.s Farm the Particular Curves & Distances are Contained in a Plan herewith Exhibited taken by Mr Justus Dwight Surveyor.

JOHN FISH  
JOSEPH CHURCH } Committee  
ELI PARKER }

The road above reported is  
the North road in Said Plan.

N. B. The Plan Lies in File &c.

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of. the town of Amherst on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 1789 Voted as follows (Viz)

Voted Mr Daniel Cooley Moderator

Voted to accept of the Reporte of the Committee appointed to Consolidate a number of Rates in the hands of sundry Collectors which have bin Severally Petitioned for the abatement off at the Laist Meeting and which are now abated as they Stand in the Consolidated list now in file

Voted that Ebenezer Dickinson have liberty to Purchase of the town a bit of Streat land (So Call<sup>d</sup>) which was ascined to Andrew Kimball by the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to Sel sum part of the town way Provided he give his Security within ten days. with surety ading on the Interest from the twenty fourth of November laist—

Voted that Lemuel Moody give his Security for the land given to him in manner & form as others have been in similar Cases—

Voted that the Land asined to Isaac Marshal or Jacob Abbot,\* Heirs be granted to Mr Abbots Heirs they giving security as others have done in similar Cases—

#### Test

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to Consolidate the Taxes which are abated by Leave to Reporte as Follows, that all Town Taxes ought to Stand good as is Mentioned—the State Taxes to ascined as Follows (Viz.)

|                                                                 | £     | s.   | d.                 | £     | s.  | d.      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|--------------------|-------|-----|---------|
| Benjamin Routh to Nath <sup>l</sup> Dickinson 2 <sup>d</sup> of | 2 :   | 8 :  | 0                  | to be | 1 : | 4 :     |
| John Hawley to Ephraim Kellogg                                  | x - : | 10 : | 3 <sup>3</sup>     | -     | 5 : | 2 :     |
| Noah Hawley to Do Do                                            | x - : | 10 : | 3 <sup>3</sup>     | -     | 5 : | 2 :     |
|                                                                 |       |      |                    |       | 1 : | 14 :    |
| Widow Rolf to Thomas Hastings                                   | x 0 : | 7 :  | 1                  |       |     |         |
| Gayus Rowe to Do Do                                             | x -   | 11 : | 8                  |       |     |         |
| Joseph Williams to Do Do                                        | x -   | 11 : | 8                  |       |     |         |
| Levi Nash to Do Do                                              | x -   | 12 : | 8                  |       |     |         |
|                                                                 | £2 :  | 3 :  | 1, 6-8 on ye pound |       |     |         |
|                                                                 |       |      |                    | £ m   | 0== | 14 : 44 |









Voted to Choose a Committee to ascertain the quantity of land there is ascined to Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson Esq at the East End of his lot out of the Streat land so Called

Voted that the Committee Consist of three

Voted that Joseph Church Elijah Baker, & Joseph Dickinson be the Committee above—

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to Indors so much on Nathaniel Dickinson, Esq,\* Note as the Com<sup>tee</sup> above shall find wanting in the quantity of land ascined to the S<sup>d</sup> Nathaniel agreeable to the Price the Said Nath<sup>l</sup> gave for Said land—

Voted to rais a sum of money for the Purpos of Schooling the Children the Insueing winter—

Voted to rais fifty four Pounds for the Purpus above—

Voted to keep six schools in Amherst this winter in or near the Places where they were kept the laist winter.

Voted that the money raised for schooling be divided Six Equal Parts by the Selectmen

Voted to rais Six Pounds for the support of the Poor of the town

Voted to Impower the Assessors to leavy a tax to rais the money granted above—

Voted to relinquish to Medad Moody the rates he hath against Benjamin Routh (viz) Seven Shillings

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to Pay Leut. John Field out of the Avails of the Streat land so Called all the Notes that the signers are disposed to Pay to ye said John Field

Attest

ELISHA SMITH Moderator.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden on Monday the fourth day of January 1790 at nine of the Clock in the morning—Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Den. Elisha Smith Moderator

Voted to Raise five pounds one Shilling for the support of the Poor—

Voted to accept of the Bills as they have bin Red and Corrected

Voted to allow Capt Aaron Dickinson four Pounds four Shillings and four Pence which he Paid & Indorst on Den Simeon Clark,\* Note given him for beef he Sold to the town, and that the Selectmen give order for the Same—

Voted to Allow Ephraim Kellogg for money he Paid Seven Pounds thirteen Shillings and that the Selectmen give order for the Same

Voted that Nathan Dickinson Jun have a bit of town way at the west End of Josiah Thayers lot on the north Side of fort river—(viz) twenty four rods Provided he give his security as others have done.

Voted that all Persons who have had land set to them out of the town way may have it Confirmed to them in like manner as others have had; Provided they date their Notes Back, and gave them to the Town Treasury before the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Voted to abate to Stephen Cole the following rates (viz)

|                 |   |    |    |                   |    |         |
|-----------------|---|----|----|-------------------|----|---------|
| Silas Robins.   | x | 10 | 8  | Widow Marey Rolf. | 13 | 6½      |
| Simeon Baker    |   | 7  | 4½ | State Tax         | —  | —       |
| Wid. Marey Rolf |   | 12 | 4½ | In Silver money   | 3— | 6—9½    |
| Aaron Alvord,   |   | 3  | 4½ | Town Tax.         | x  | 1—13—9½ |
|                 |   |    |    |                   | 2— | 0—6½    |



Voted to abate to Thomas Hastings the following rates—

| State Tax                |       | Town Tax.                 |       |             |  |  |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|-------------|--|--|
| Nath Peck 2 <sup>d</sup> | 11 8  | Nath. Peck 2 <sup>d</sup> | 6 2   |             |  |  |
| David Fuller             | 11 10 | Silas Robins              | 14 2½ |             |  |  |
| Silas Robins             | 29 2  | Edward Allen              | 0 11½ |             |  |  |
| Edward Allen             | 4 6   | Benjamin Routh            | 12 7  | 2 : 3 : 1½  |  |  |
|                          |       | David Fuller              | 3 1   | 1 : 2 : 9½  |  |  |
|                          |       | Roswell Clapp             | 6 2   | £3 : 5 : 11 |  |  |

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to Receive the Selectmen's orders of Thomas Hastings which he Received Previous to the Regulating Vote Paist at Laist March Meeting—

Voted to Rais fifty Pounds to Replace the abatements as made in sundry years back, together with the Interest money Paid to Leut John Field—

Voted that the Note in the Town Treasurry sined by Capt Reuben Dickinson and others be averadged to the 2<sup>d</sup> Parish with the Avails of the Streat lands—

Voted that the Selectmen give Den Ball an order for his Bill against the town—

Voted to rais money sufficient to Pay up a Note Den Simeon Clark hath against the town—

Voted that the Selectmen give Mr Ebenezer Boltwood an order on the Treasurer sufficient to Replace the overplus money he Paid for a bit of Streat land set to him in the Jeneral distribution of the Streat land—

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Leavy a tax on the Inheabitants sufficient to Pay the Bills that have bin Paist and all the other monies that have bin Raised this Meeting—

Test ELISHA SMITH Moderator—

1788.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 27 Daniel Abbott gave Security with Isaac Marshal Bondsman for a bit of town way at the West End of Isaac Marshals hous lot 2 0 2

27 Elijah Baker gave Security with Noah Smith Bonds for a bit of town way at the East End of Elijah Bakers hous lot— 11 15 9

27 Nathan Dickinson jnr gave security with Perez Dickinson Bondsman for a bit of town way at the west End of that lot on which Josiah Thayer now dwells— 0 4 4

27 Rev<sup>d</sup> Ichabot Draper gave security with Ebenezer Mattoon Esq Bondsman for a bit of town way at the East End of that lot which the Rev<sup>d</sup> Ichabod Draper owns in the third Division of lots— 1 4 3

1790.

Octob<sup>r</sup> 8. Simeon Strong Esq gave Security with Doc<sup>r</sup> Robert Cutler Bondsman for three bits of town way adjoining to Simeon Strongs lot which was lateley Jonathan Fields (viz) one on the west end and two on the North Side. See town vote Oct<sup>r</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>: 1790— 2 18 3

1791 May 9 Medad Moody gave security with Noadiah Smith bondsman for a bit of town way at the west end of that lot on which Medad Moody now dwells etc— 2 5 0



May 14 Joseph Eastman, gave security with Jonathan Dickinson Jun Bondsman for a bit of town way at the East End of that lot on which Joseph Eastman now dwells.

1 0 9

16 David Cows gave security with Ebenezer Boltwood Bondsman, for a bit of town way at the west End of a lot of Land lateley owned by Levi Leach in the 2<sup>d</sup> division of land in Amherst—

1 7 7

20. Asahel Mood gave security with Isaac Goodale bondsman for a bit of town way at the north west corner of the lot on which Asahel Moody now dwells.

0 5 4

20 Thomas Hastings gave security with Gideon Ingram Bondsman for a bit of town way at the west End of Thomas Hastings, home lot.

0 17 6

Lemuel Moody gave security with Medad Moody for a bit of town way at the East End of that lot on which Lemuel Moody now dwells

1 0 4

Gideon Ingram gave security with Elihu Dickinson bondsman for a bit of town way at the west End of that lot on which John Ingram now lives

2 8 4

23 Timothy Smith gave security with Simeon Smith bondsman for a bit of Town way at the South East corner of said Timothys hous lot

0 14 11

23 Simeon Smith gave security with Timothy Smith Bondsman for a bit of town way at the west End of the lot on which the Said Simeon Lives

1 14 5

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the town of Amherst Holden on Monday, the first day of March 1790 at nine of the Clock A. M. at the First Parish Meeting house Voted as Follows—(viz)—

Voted Col Ebenezer Mattoon, Moderator—

Voted Seth Coleman, Town Clerk—

Voted Seth Coleman, Town Treasurer—

Voted Col. Ebenezer Mattoon, Ebenezer Boltwood, Joseph Church, Den Elisha Smith, and Joseph Eastman, Jnr. Selectmen.

Voted Den Elisha Smith, Ebenezer Boltwood, & Col Ebenezer Mattoon, Assessors

Voted Josiah Warner, & Nathaniel Edwards, Constables—

Voted, Solomon Boltwood, Jonathan Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Leut Jonathan Dickinson, jnr, Joel Moody, Andrew Kimbal jnr & Eleazer Cows, Surveyors of Highways—

Voted Philip Edwards Capt Moses Cook Samuel Smith, Daniel Kellogg, jnr Perez Dickinson, Ebenezer Dickinson, jnr and Judah Dickinson, Tything men—

Voted David Blotchet, jnr Joseph Church jnr Paul Newton, Elijah Elmer, Ephraim Kellogg & Asa Smith Hogreeves—

Voted Elisha Dickinson & Enos Dickinson, fens vewers—

Voted Den Elisha Smith Sealer of Leather

Voted Joseph Church Surveyor of Lumber

Voted Leut Noah Dickinson & Noah Smith Wardens—

Voted to Repair the Highways this year by a rate—

Voted to rais Seventy Pounds to repair highways this year.



Voted that the Assessors make the highway rate by the laist list.

Voted to allow 3-0 P<sup>r</sup> day from the first of may to the laist of August & 2-0 in the month of september & 1-6 the rest of the year for Highway worke—

Voted that the surveyors of Highways Inspect the workemen while they are at their Labours in Stead of Leabouring them Selves.

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON, Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the town of Amherst at the first Parish Meeting hous on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1790 Voted as follows (viz). Voted Col Ebenezer Mattoon Moderator—

Voted to discontinue a Piece of the town highway near Mr David Blodget Corner and grant the Same to Benjamin Buckman—

Voted that the above granted Piece of ground Extend Six Rods North from the highway leading to Pelham and to Extend one rod East & west—

Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> of three to Stipulate with Mr Benjamin Buckman for the above granted Piece of ground and that the Said Committee Shall make a Return to the town Clerk of their Doings in the Premiss without Carrying of it to the town and the Clerk is to Record the Same on the town Records—

Voted that Capt. Eli Parker, David Blodget & Daniel Kellogg jun be the Committee above—

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the town of Amherst Qualified according to the Constitution to Vote for governor &c April 5, 1790—

the Votes for Governor were as follows—(viz)

the Hon. James Bowdoin Esq six

the Hon John Hancock Esq thirty

the votes for Lieutenant governor were as follows—

the Hon. Nathaniel Gorham Esq fifty

the Hon Samuel Adams Esq two

the votes for Senators were as follows (viz)

For Moses Bliss Esq.—twelve—

For Samuel Henshaw Esq—six—

For John Hastings Esq—forty-nine—

For David Saxton Esq—twenty-three—

For Col William Lyman—Esq.—fifty-two

For Samuel Lyman Esq—fortey-six—

For Simeon Strong Esq—five—

For Samuel Fowler Esq—thirtey—

For Solomon Stodard—four—

For William Bodman two—

Attest

EBENEZER MATTOON  
EBENEZER BOLTWOOD  
JOSEPH CHURCH  
ELISHA SMITH  
JOSEPH EASTMAN

} Selectmen of  
Amherst

SETH COLEMAN Town Clerke

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the town of Amherst at the first Parish Meeting hous on monday the fifth day of April at 3 o'Clock P. M. 1790 Voted as follows—(viz)





Voted Ebenezer Boltwood Moderator

Voted that the Assessors make the County tax by ye laist list

Voted that Elisha Dickinson serve as a Constable in the Stead of Josiah Warner who was Chosen to that office in March laist

Voted that when it is necessary for the town to Transact any business, on those days in which it is the duty of the Selectmen to Preside in Town Meeting, that such Meeting Shall be warned by Notifications Set up fourteen days before the time of the Said Meeting—

Voted that Capt James Hendrick be allowed to Retain in his Possession a Piece of the town way between the Second and third Division which he now has in his enclosure untill October seventeen hundred & ninety-one

Voted that Mr Jonathan Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> have a Piece of town way leying opposite to Daniel Kellogg's hous (viz) running from a Point at the North west Corner of Said Jonathan's lot to eleven feet wide in the senter, and then Falling to a Point at the Southwest Corner of Said lot—Said Peice Containing twelve and a half rods of ground—and that the Said Jonathan give the same Price for the above granted Peice of ground, as he gave for the land which was set to him in the general Distributions of the streat lands—

Attest—

EBENEZER BOLTWOOD Moderator

N. B. April 26 1790 the above Named Jonathan Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Paid for the above grant Peice of town way agreeable to the vote of the town

Test

SETH COLEMAN Treasurer

I A. B. do truly and sincerely acknoledg profess, testify & declare, that the Common wealth of Massachusetts is, and of right ought to be a free and Independant State and I do swear, that I will bear the Faith and Allegiance, to the said Commonwealth—and that I will defend the Same, against Traitors Conspiracies, and all hostile attempts whatsoever and that I do renounce and abjure, allegiance, subjection, and obedience to the King of great Britain; and every other foreign Power whatsoever—and that no foreign Prince, Parson, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Superiority, or Preeminence, Authority, Dispencing or other Power, in any Matter, Civil, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Common wealth; Except the Authority and Power, which is, or may be vested by their Constituents, in the Congress of the united States: and I do Further testify, and declare, that no man, or body of men, hath or Can have, any right to absolve or discharge me from the obligation of this Oath, Declaration, or Affirmation.— and that I do make this Acknowledgment, Profession, Testimony, Declaration, Denial, Renunciation and abjuration, heartily and truly, according to the Common Meaning & Acceptation, of the foregoing words, without any Equivocation, mental Eveasion or secret Reservation whatsoever—

|               |                    |                                                      |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| April 5: 1790 | E. MATTOON JUN     | } Selectmen<br>of<br>Amherst<br>for the<br>year 1790 |
|               | EBENEZER BOLTWOOD  |                                                      |
|               | ELISHA SMITH       |                                                      |
|               | JOSEPH EASTMAN JUN |                                                      |
|               | JOSEPH CHURCH      |                                                      |

Record of Notes Continued—

1791 May 23. Nathan Ingram gave security with Zebina Montague bondsman for a bit of town way at the East of a lot of land own,<sup>d</sup> by Reuben Ingram in the first Division of lots in Amherst being East of said Reuben's hous



Daniel Cooley Esq gave security with Jonathan Dickinson, jnr bondsman for two bits of town way one at the East side of Esq Cooleys home lot and the other at the West End of Said Cooleys farm in the third division

2 9 7

Amus Nash gave Security with Samuel Hastings Bondsman for a bit of town way adjoining to the side of Amus Nashes house lot

0 8 5

Novemb<sup>r</sup> 8. Joseph Church gave security with Joseph Church Jun Bondsman for a bit of town way at the north Side of the lot of land on which Joseph Church now lives

3 16 2

26. Gideon Parsons gave security with Enos Cows bondsman for a bit of town way north of and adjoining to Gideon Parsons,'s dwelling house

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Enos Cows gave security with Gideon Parsons bondsman for a bit of town way at the East End of Enos Cows house lot

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Marriages Solemnized by Ebenezer Mattoon Esq (viz)  
John Doty and Ruth Porter, April—1790—

Marriages Solemnized by Rev,<sup>d</sup> Ichabod Draper, (viz) 1786. Decemb<sup>r</sup> 26 John Fox and Orpha Cadwell.

1787. Jan. 4. John Belding & Lydia Hunt.

Jan. 18. Nathaniel Dickinson & Jemima Wales.

Jan. 25. Robert Robinson & Hannah Rich.

April 5. John Blodget, Jnr. & Lois Dickinson.

April 16. Gideon Parsons, & Huldah Rowe.

June 28. Perez Dickinson & Ruth Dickinson.

Octo. 4. Josiah Robins & Lydia Robins.

Nov. 18. Reuben Warner & Olive Payne.

1788 March 7. Abner Marsh & Dorothy Dana.

Aug. 25. David Billings & Hannah Hide.

Octo<sup>r</sup>. 16. Smith Eddy & Patientce Hulit.

1789 Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> John Hirsch & Porris Blair.

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Josiah Sartell & Hannah Smith.

12. Simeon Dickinson & Sarah Dickinson

April 8. Luke Blodget & Martha Dickinson.

9 Calvin Rich & Martha Billings.

Sept. 3. Isaac Robbins & Rachel Williams.

Nov. 26. Judah Clark & Esther Merrick.

1790 Feb. 23. Robert Ingram & Sarah Bolles—

Attest.

ICHABOD DRAPER—

April 27 : 1790—

Marriages Solemnized by Rev,<sup>d</sup> David Parsons (viz)

1787. Jan. 18. Olliver Harroon & Molly Mc Culluck.

Feb 1 David Eason & Mary Peck.

June 14. Samuel Prime & Irene Moody.

Aug. 27. Samuel Thompson & Lois Fisk.

Novr. 29. Thomas Munsel & Sarah Smith.

Decem<sup>r</sup>. 6. Henry McCulloch & Martha Hamilton of Pelham.

Do 10. Eli Hamilton, Grenfield & Ariz Southwood of Pelham.



1788. January 1. Elias Smith & Philothea Debell of Pelham.  
 Feb. 11. Ezra Roode & Parthena Warner.  
 Do. 28. Leutious Wait of Hatfield & Mary Smith.  
 April 10. Joseph Dickinson & Dorothy Dickinson  
 May 5. Elihu Moody & Rachel Moody.  
 July 3. Asa Smith & Sarah Moody.  
 Do. 24. Thomas Larrabee & Salome Dickinson.  
 1789. Jan<sup>y</sup> 7. Nathaniel Bangs & Electa Kellogg.  
 Do. 22. William Phelps & Mary Warner of Belchertown.  
 May 12. Calvin Merril & Orinda Row.  
 May 25. Edward Foster, jnr. & Vire Shirtliff of Pelham.  
 June 11. Silas Moody & Eunice Dickinson.  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 2. William Boltwood & Eunice Noble.  
 Sept. 28. William Dickinson & Thirza Warner  
 Oct. 19. Ebenezer Ingram & Esther Roode.  
 Oct. 22. Silas Dickinson & Eunice Moody.  
 1790. Jan<sup>y</sup>. 26. Isaac Abecrombie & Martha McCulluch

DAVID PARSONS. Minister of the First Parish Amherst—

April 29 1790—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst on Tuesday the twenty fourth of August 1790 at the First Parish Meeting hous, at five of the Clock in the afternoon. Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Mr Ebenezer Boltwood Moderator.

Voted to Sel the School-hous near landlord Parsones Tavern at Public Vendue and take good security for whatever sum it should be sold at Payable in Six months with Interest from this date

Voted Joseph Pettis Vendue Master to Sel Said School-hous.

Attest

EBENER BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the Town of Amherst holden at the First Parish Meeting-house on Monday the Fourth day of October 1790 at two of the Clock P. M. Voted as Follows—(viz.)

Voted Maj<sup>r</sup> Zebina Montague Moderator.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting for half an hour and then to Meet at the Preparatory school-house near landlord Parsons, tavern—

Voted to Rais Twelve Pounds for the Support of the Poor of the town of Amherst—

Voted to Provide Places for Schools in the Several Districts where there is not Places Provided—

Voted to have three Schools onley in this town the Insuing year—(Voted.)

Voted to Choose a Committee of five to Determin where those Schools Shall be kept—

Voted Capt Eli Parker, Joseph Eastman Jnr. Daniel Cooley Esq Josiah Warner & Coll Ebenezer Mattoon be the Committee above

Voted to abate Eliphalet Robbensons rate 3-14 Benjamin Rouths rate, 5 3 Wm Claps rate 3-11½ & Roswell Claps rate 3 0 in Enos Cows List—

Voted that the Committee appointed to Point out the Places for the Several Schools in Amherst make their Report to the next adjourned Meeting—



Voted that Simeon Strong, Esq. have the Street land that was Ascined to Jonathan Field in the general Distribution of the Street Land Provided he give his security in Manner and form as was voted for the Sale of the Street land on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 1788—

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Monday the Eighteenth day of Instant October at two of the Clock, P. M. and then to meet at this Place

Attest ZEBINA MONTAGUE Moderator

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1790. the town being met at time and place according to the above adjournment. Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Joseph Church Moderator the former Moderator being absent—

Voted to accept of the Reporte of the Committee appointed to Prefix Places for the School houses in Amherst which is as follows. (viz) For the North End of the town, at the Croch of the roads near David Hawleys—For the Middle District about way of the rode leading from the west to the East Streat. For the South End of the town near Jonathan Moody, s jnr.

Voted that the west Streat of the Southern District have their Proportion of the School money annually assigned them to dispose off for Schooling at their own Election with regard to time and Place—and that they Shall be Exemptd from any Expence of building School Houses in Amherst, Provided they Erect and keep a Convenient School house for them Selves at their own Expence.

Voted to rais Sixtey Pounds for the Purpos of Schooling the Insuing year.

Voted. that the Selectmen Proportion the school money to Each District according to the List of Each District.

Voted to Choose a Committee of nine to Erect the three School House Voted above—

Voted John Dickinson, 2<sup>d</sup>, Lt Ebenezer Eastman, Zachariah Hawley, Ebenezer Boltwood, Daniel Kellogg Jnr. Ebenezer Mattoon, Esq. Daniel Cooley Esq Thomas Hastings & Medad Dickinson be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above

Voted that the Committee use their Discretion as to the Dimentions of Each School House—

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Levy a tax to rais the above granted moneys—

Attest— JOSEPH CHURCH Moderator.

At a Legal Meeting of the town of Amherst holden at the first Parish Meeting house on Monday the tenth day of January 1791. Voted as Follows (viz)

Voted Ebenezer Mattoon Esq Moderator

Voted to allow the Bills as they have bin red and Corrected

Voted to allow 3-4 by the day for hewing of timber, and for raising of bridges, three shillings—

Voted to allow 2-8 by the day for all other labor.

Voted to Choose a Committee of Six, three out of Each Parish to adopt sum method for the averidging of the avails of the Streat land (So Called) between the two Parishes and that the Committee make reporte to next meeting.

Voted Ebenezer Mattoon Esq Simeon Strong Esq Den John Billings Seth Coleman, Medad Dickinson & Majr Zebina Montague be the Committee above—

Voted to rais twelve Pounds for the support of the Poor of the town

Voted to Reconsider all former votes that have bin Paist respecting the





method of warning of Town Meetings—

Voted that all future meetings be warned by Posting fourteen days on the Meeting houses of Each Parish, untill Proper Posts be Erected, and after that on such Post as one set near Each Meeting house for that Purpose

Voted to appoint an Agent to Make Answer to the citation given the town on account of Neglect in Assessing a tax mentioned in Said citation.

Voted Simeon Strong Esq. be the Agent above—

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Levy a tax to rais all the above granted moneys—

Attest

E MATTOON JUN Moderator.

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting House on Monday the fourth day of April 1791. Voted as follows. (viz) Voted Col. Ebenezer Mattoon Moderator

Voted Seth Coleman Clark. Voted Seth Coleman Treasurer

Voted Col. Ebenezer Mattoon, Ebenezer Boltwood, Joseph Church, Den Elisha Smith and Joseph Eastman, jnr. Selectmen

Voted Col. Ebenezer Mattoon, Ebenezer Boltwood, and Den Elisha Smith. Assessors

Voted Azeriah Dickinson jnr. & Eldad Moody Constables.

Voted to releas Azeriah Dickinson from serving as a Constable and to accept Steven Smith in his roome—

Voted Joseph Dickinson, Solomon Boltwood, Isaac Marshal, Ins Moses Hastings, Timothy Green jnr. Lt Jonathan Dickinson jnr. Noah Smith, & John Ingram. surveyors of Highways.

Voted Lt. Elijah Dickinson, Silas Wright, Timothy Clapp, John Eastman, & Gad Dickinson. Tything men.

Voted Josiah Warner, Capt Moses Cook, Nathan Dickinson, fens Viewers

Voted Stephen Smith, David Billings, William Dickinson, Solomon Boltwood, Elijah Moody thomas Larrabee. Hog Reeves

Voted Den Elisha Smith Seaker of Leather.

Voted Stoughton Dickinson. Surveyor of Lumber.

Voted Jonathan Marsh, Packer of Beef & Porke

Voted Nathaniel Dickinson, Esq. Warden.

Voted Mr Ebenezer Boltwood, Dn. Elisha Smith, Nathan Dickinson, jnr. be a Committee to Vew the ground before Simeon Dickinsons jnr. house and Determin wheather any or how much land Shall be sold to Said Simeon for a building Place and at what Price, and make reporte to next meeting—

Voted for register of Deeds as follows (viz) for Ebenezer Hunt. Esq. fifty-one. & for Col. Ebenezer Mattoon two

Voted to adjourn this Meeting for the Space of one hour and half and then Meet at this Place—

Voted that the town Treasurer be directed to Collect all the debts that are due to the town for Streat lands—

Voted to allow Major Nathaniel Peck six shillings oमित in January.

Voted to allow sundrey Bills as they have red and Corrected (viz) to Daniel Cooley Esq 31-6 Noah Dickinson 5-0. Andrew Kimbal Jnr. 8-S. Thomas Goodale 2-4—

Voted that the Selectmen be Impowered to give their orders for the Payment of the above granted bills—



Voted that the Committee appointed to averidge the avails of the Street lands proceed to averidge the rates now in town Treasury, & see what is the Proportion belonging to Each Parish agreeable to a Former Vote etc.

Voted that those Persons that have obligations now in the town, Treasury, for Streat land, may stipulate with the Standing Committee of Either Parish for the Payment of their notes; and that a receipt from the Committee of Either Parish shall be the Town Treasurers discharge for the Same, untill the full sum be Exhausted to which that Parish is Intitled to which the Com<sup>tee</sup> thus negotiating Shall belong—

Voted that the time of paying the above notes, be limited to the sixth day of June next.

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Examine the State and Situation of the Streat land bought by Mr Moses Cook and make reporte to the next meeting.

Voted that Joseph Church, Col. Ebenezer Mattoon, and Ebenezer Boltwood be the Committee above—

Voted to repara the Highways this year by a rate.

Voted to rais one Hundred Pounds to repara the Highways this year.

Voted to allow the Same Price for high-way worke this year. that we did the laist (viz) 3s. Per day from the first of may to the laist of august & 2s. Per day in the month of september and 1-6 the rest of the year—

Voted to erect two school houses in Amherst one by the 2<sup>d</sup> Parish Meeting-house & the other in the South part of the East street.

Voted that Daniel Cooly Esq, Capt Eli Parker, Stoughton Dickinson. Col. Ebenezer Mattoon, Daniel Kellogg jur be the Com<sup>tee</sup> to erect the above School Houses

Voted that Joseph Church, L<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Dickinson jnr, Ins Moses Hastings, Den John Billings, Noah Smith, Elisha Dickinson, Nathan Dickinson jr L<sup>t</sup> Elijah Hastings, & Medad Dickinson, be the Com<sup>tee</sup> to determin whare those School-Houses Shall Stand and of what Dimensions they Shall be

Voted to raise Eightey Pound to Erect the above School-Houses.

Voted to Impower the Assessors to rais the above granted monies—

Voted to make the rates by the Laist List—

Voted to rais Sixty Pounds for the support of schooling the Current year—

Attest E. MATTOON JR. Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the ninth day of May A. D. 1791 at three of the Clock in the afternoon—Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Mr Ebenezer Boltwood Moderator

Voted that the Persons who have Inclosed Streat land and have not given their security to the Treasurer. may have liberty to do it. Provided they Include the Interest for the same from the 27<sup>th</sup> day of november 1788 and give their obligation within fourteen days from the ninth of May 1791. with a bondsman.

Voted that the Persons who have lands set to them in the general distribution of streat land, and have not Inclosed the same, nor given security for it, may also have liberty to give their obligations under the Same restrictions and limitations as mentioned. in the foregoing vote; and that those Persons that now give security for the Streat land shall be Considered as Coming within the limits of the Votes



past April 7 1788 respecting their title to Streat Lands as tho they had then given their security :

Voted that the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to Clear off Incumbrances on the town ways, at an adjourned Meeting Octob<sup>r</sup> 27 1788 give notice Immediately to all those persons that have taken in Streatland without giving their security for Said land, that unless they Either remove their fences or give their security within the time Limited above, must Expect to have their fences remooved according as the law directs; and that the Committee Proceede to follow the steps of the law without loss of time—

Voted that those Persons who do give their security for land Inclosed shall produce a Certificat thereof from the town Treasurer that the Committee may be advertised thereof

Voted that the Committee appointed to Clear the Highway take into Consideration the Petition of Joseph Dickinson respecting a bit of streat land near his house, and give such orders relative thereto as they shall think proper.

Voted to grant liberty to John Billings and others that have Petitioned the town; that they may worke out their highway rate, which they are in the arrears for the last year, under the surveyors who hath their names for the Present years highway tax—

Voted that the Selectmen give orders on the Treasurer for the payment of the worke voted above when Each Individual hath dun his worke—

Attest EBENEZER BOLTWOOD Moderator

Perambulation of Line Between Amherst and Pelham.

Amherst May 10 : 1791—

To Doct<sup>r</sup> Seth Coleman Town Clerk. S,<sup>n</sup> after due notis from the Authority of the town of Pelham to Preambulate the line betwixt S,<sup>n</sup> town and the town of Amherst this is to Certify that we have attended said service and herewith send you Mr Justus Dwight, Survey—

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| EBENEZER BOLTWOOD, | } | Selectmen<br>of<br>Amherst. |
| ELISHA SMITH       |   |                             |
| E MATTOON JNR      |   |                             |

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1791

The Perambulation of the line between Pelham & Amherst Began at a heap of Stones the South East Corner of Pelham and run North 20 : 15m west and found Divers old Marks and Boundares Several of which we Markt With the Letters P A—(viz) a large Pine tree against Harkniss Improvement, also another Pine tree at the north End of a Pond hole against Col. Mattoons Land, also another Pine tree Eight Rods North of Pelham Road, another Pine Tree against Capt Parkers lot, another oak tree about Ten rods South of the River, also a large white oak tree against Hodgden land all which Trees are Markt P. A & renewed the north west corner of Pelham, which is a Large heap of Stones by Putting a Stake—

Said Line Run by

JUSTUS DWIGHT Surveyor

True Copy

Test

SETH COLEMAN, Town Clerk—

Marriages Solemnized by Rev. David Parsons in the year, 1790 & 1791 viz. from April 28<sup>th</sup> 1790 to may 2<sup>d</sup> 1791

John Hubbard & Ruth Dickinson of Hatfield

Elijah Moody and Electa Smith



Joseph Robbins & Leucetia Pettes  
 Josiah Smith & Sally Field—  
 Ephraim Kellogg junr and Martha Smith  
 Gideon Ingram & Mary Edwards

May 2<sup>d</sup> 1791

Attest            DAVID PARSONS  
 Minister of the first Parish in Amherst—

Marriages Solemnized by the Rev Icabod Draper—June —April 29, 1790—(viz)  
 Gorsham Ingram & Martha Belding—  
 William Forbush Peebles & Elizabeth Religh.

Attest            ICHABOD DRAPER—

Amherst May 27 : 1791—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst, holden at the First Parish Meeting house on Friday the Twenty Eight of Octobr 1791 at one of the Clock in the afternoon—

Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Moderator—

Voted to appoint a Committee of five to make Answer to the Treasurers Citation—

Voted Simeon Strong Esq, Daniel Cooley Esq, Ebenezer Boltwood, Capt Eli Parker, and Jonathan Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above.

Voted that the Committee be Impowered to Send an agent to the Com<sup>tee</sup> of the Jeneral Court to make Answer to the Citation from the Treasurer ; if they shall think it Expedient—

Voted that the money for schooling be Proportioned to Each District according to what the Individuals in Each District pay on the laist Town list—

Voted that the District at the South-East Corner of the Town have liberty to remove the old School-house to the new one for the better accomodation of the Same.—

Attest            SIMEON STRONG Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the town of Amherst holden at the First Parish Meeting house on thirsday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1791 at one of the Clock afternoon.

Voted as Follows (viz)

Voted Col Ebenezer Mattoon Moderator—

Voted to rais fortyey Pounds to Satisfey a deficiency in the Province tax in A. D. 1797 :—

Voted that the Assessors be Impowered to Assess the Same by the Last list, as quick as may be :—

Voted that the above granted moneys be payed to the Town Treasurer, and that the Treasurer Settle with the States Treasurer in the most Saving way for the Town :—

Voted to Choose a Committee of three, to vew the ground before Asahel Clarke House and say how much land (if any) may be Sold to said Clark, and at what price, and make reporte to the next meeting.

Voted Den Elisha Smith, Martin Kellogg, and Den John Billings be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above.—

Voted that Jonathan Warner and others be allowed to give Security for the Streat land Assigned to them in the general distribution of Streat land Provided





they Compley with the restriction and regulations mentioned at last may meet-  
ing and do it before the first day of January next --

Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> of Seven to divide the town into Six Districts for  
Schooling. —

Voted that John Dickinson, Daniel Cooly Esq Daniel Kellogg jnr, Martain  
Kellogg, Elijah Baker, Joel Moody, and Stephen Smith be the Committee above  
and that they make reporte of their doings to the next Meeting

Attest E. MATTOON JNR Moderator

#### Record of Notes Continued

1791 Decem 26 Jonathan Warner gave security with David Warner  
Bondsman for a bit of town way at the East End of that lot on which  
Jonathan Warner now lives

1 14 6

31 Den Jonathan Edwards gave security with Nathaniel Edwards  
Bondsman for a bit of town way at the West End of Den Jonathan  
Edwards house lot

1 7 9

31 Philip Edwards gave security with Nath<sup>l</sup> Edwards Bondsman  
for a bit of town way at the West End of Philip Edwards house lot

0 4 8½

1792 April 9 Ebenezer Boltwood gave security with Jonathan Dickinson  
Bondsman for two bits of Town way adjoining to the north side of the  
farm belonging to the Hears of Moses Warner Late of Amherst  
Deceast, which joins the rode leading from Hadley to Pelham, one is set  
to Moses Warner & the other to David Smith

13 6 1

14 Capt William Ashley gave security with Capt Moses Cook  
Bondsman, for three bits of Town land (viz) one at the West End of  
that Lot on which Mr Ebenezer Mattoon now lives, and one other bit at  
the East End of that lot on which Leut Moses Rowe now Lives as also  
one other bit Set to John Williams In the general Distribution of Streat  
land leying at the East end of the lot of land leying South of, & adjoining  
to Justus Williams,<sup>s</sup> house lot

6 12 11

16 Lt Jonathan Dickinson gave security with Stoughton Dickinson  
Bondsman for Four Bits of town way, one at the East End of that lot  
on which Noadiah Smith now lives, and one Peice at East End of that  
lot on which Medad Moody now lives and one other Peice Set to Waight-  
still Dickinson in the general Distribution of Streat land and the other  
Piece is Set to the widow Sarah Lee in the general distribution of Streat  
Land

8 6 3

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the First Parish  
Meeting-house on Monday the Second day of January. 1792 at nine of the Clock in  
the fore noon, Voted as Follows (viz)

Voted Ebenezar Mattoon Esq. Moderator.

Voted to allow Six Shillings Per hundred for two Inch Plank and five Shil-  
lings Per hundred for 1½ Inch Plank

Voted to allow 18-0 Per thousand for brick

Voted to allow three Shillings P<sup>r</sup> day for Placing School house

Voted to allow five Shillings P<sup>r</sup> week for bording workmen at the School  
house

Voted to allow the bills as they have been red and Corrected



Voted to accept of the report of the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to divide the Town into Six Districts for the Purpose of schooling which is as follows (viz) The Committee appointed to divide the Town of Amherst into Six Districts for the Purpose of Schooling—Beg leave to reporte as follows (viz)

1 that the North-East District Consist of all the Inhabitants within Said Town north of Joseph Mortons in the East Street so called, and Ebenezar Dickinsons in the Middle Street Including Jonathan Marsh

2 That the North-west District consist of all the Inhabitants with their Estates North of Moses Cooks in the west Street—

3 That the Easterly Middle District consist of all the Inheabitants with their Estates, south of John Ingrams in the East Street to Fort river including Josiah Thayer Simeon Dickinson & Simeon Pomeroy jnr

4 That the Westerly Middle District consist of all the Inheabitants with their Estates south of John Eastmans and John Fields, to Simeon Clark jnr

5 That the South East District consist of all the Inheabitants with their Estates in the East Street, South of Fort River to the Bay Road Including Jonathan Warner Wareham Warner and Aaron Dickinson—

6 And that the south-west District to consist of all the Inheabitants in the west Street with their Estates South of Asahel Clarks

Which is Submitted

JOHN DICKINSON  
Per Order

This reporte is accepted by the Town

E MATTOON JNR Moderator

Voted to rais Sixteen Pounds for the support of the Poor of the Town the Current year

Voted to allow the South East District for a School house the Same sum to Erect their School-House, as the School house in the East Middle District Cost the town

Voted to Empower the Assessors to Leavy a Tax to rais the above granted Monies

Voted to abate to Medad Moody fourteen Shillings and Seven pence due on his town note against the Estate of John Nash Late of Amherst Deceast—

Voted to abate to Noadiah Smith Seven Shillings and two pence on his town rate against the Estate of John Nash late of Amherst Deceased

Voted to Accept of the Reporte of the Committee appointed to Vew and appraise a bit of town way Petitioned for by Asahel Clark (viz) that he have the Following described bit of Town Land, which is to begin at a point at the south-west Corner of Said Asahels fence, and to Extend to the East End of his house at which Place said land is twelve feet wide and the above said Asahel shall Pay the Town three Shillings for Said bit of ground.

Attest E. MATTOON JNR Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the first Parish Meeting house on Monday the 2<sup>d</sup> day of April 1792 at nine of the Clock in the forenoon. Voted as Follows (viz)

Voted Ebenezar Boltwood Moderator

Voted Seth Coleman Clerk and Treasurer



Voted Capt Moses Cook, Ebenezer Boltwood, Noah Smith, Daniel Kellogg jnr, & L<sup>t</sup> Elijah Dickinson Selectmen

Voted Capt Moses Cook, Ebenezer Boltwood and Noah Smith Assessors

Voted David Goodale and Asahel Clark Constables

Voted Jonathan Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> John Dickinson, Joel Dickinson, Joel Moody, Enos Dickinson, Perez Dickinson, Timothy Henderson & Samuel Hastings Surveyors of Highways

Voted Levi Cows Ephraim Kellogg jnr L<sup>t</sup> Elijah Dickinson, Judah Dickinson & William Dickinson Tything men

Voted Olliver Cows & Den Eleazar Smith Fens Viewers

Voted Olliver Cows jnr David Billings Zachariah Hawley Enoch Bangs William Boltwood Simeon Smith and David Warner Hog-reives—

Voted Den Elisha Smith Sealer of Leather

Voted Stoughton Dickinson Surveyor of Lumber

Voted Jonathan Marsh & Stephen Fish Packer of Beef and Porke

Voted to raise Seventy Pounds for Schooling this year

Voted to raise twenty Pounds for the supporte of the Poor of ye Town—

Voted to adjourn this Meeting for one hour and then to Meet at this place

Voted to rais one Hundred Pounds to repare the highways this year

Voted to allow 3-0 Per day for worke at highway from the first of may to the laist of August & 2-0 Per day in the month of September and 1-6 the rest of the year—

Voted to Erect a School House in the South West District

Voted to raise Fortey Pounds to Erect the above School house—

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Prefix the Place of Said house and Determin how big Said House Shall be—

Voted Den Elisha Smith Lt Jonathan Dickinson jnr & John Billings be the Committee above—

Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> of five to Erect the above School house

Voted John Lee Noadiah Smith, Joel Moody Medad Moody & Martain Kellogg be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above—

Voted to discontinue a bit of town way at the East End of Simeon Strongs lot near Capt Eli Parkers house and grant the Same to Simeon Strong Esq & his heirs he paying the price for Said land at which it Shall be appraised by a Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen for that purpose the above discontinued bit of town way is as Follows (viz) begining at the North east Corner of Capt Eli Parker House lot and thens Extending East Twelve feet to the North East Corner of a Rock thence running to a point at a stake which stands in the North-East corner of the Said Simeons lot

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Appraise the above described bit of land—

Voted that Jonathan Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Elisha Dickinson and Joseph Dickinson be the Com<sup>tee</sup> to vew and appraise the above bit of land and reporte to the next meeting—

Voted to abate to John Williams his Proportion of the School money for two years laist paist—

Voted to Impower the town Treasurer to Sel all or any part of the Streat land which was Set to Individuals in the general distribution of the streat land (where those Individuals Either refuse or neglect to give their Security for the Same) to any body that Shall appear to buy the Said Land; they Complying with



the Conditions Voted in may 9<sup>th</sup> 1791 (viz) to Include the Interest from the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1788 and give their Security with a Bondsman

Voted that Capt John Thompson have liberty to keep Inclosed the land which was allowed to Capt James Hendrick to keep untill Last October—untill next October, he sowing the same with hay seed—

Voted that the Selectmen vew the highway that runs through Jonathan Marshes land and lay the Same on the Side of Said Jonathans lot if they think proper & make reporte to sum futer Meeting

Voted that the Assessors be Impowered to raise the above granted monies.—

Voted that the Assessors make the highway rate by the laist Town list

Attest EBENEZAR BOLTWOOD Moderator

#### Records of Notes Continued

1792 April 19 Capt Moses Cook gave security with Capt William Ashley Bondsman for two bits of town land (viz) one at the East End of a lot In the First Division own by Jiles Church & also one other bit at the West End of that lot which is owned by the Hears of Aaron Warner jnr late of Amherst Deceast In the 2<sup>d</sup> Division of land

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23 Solomon Boltwood gave security with Ebenezar Boltwood Bondsman for a bit of town way laying on the North Side of that lot on which Stephen Fish now lives wich was set to Solo Boltwood

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June 22 Nathan Dickinson jnr gave Security with Ezekiel Dickinson Bondsman for a bit of Town way at the west End of that lot on which Josiah Thayer now lives which was set to Said Josiah in the general Distribution of Streat land

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Marriages Solemnized by the Rev Ichabod Draper from May 27 1791 to April 27 1792—(viz)—

Jeremiah Haze and Lavina White  
Alexander Conkey & Eloner McConnel  
Elias Wilder & Sarah Marshal  
Elihu Dickinson & Susanna Lewis  
David Chauncey Hamilton & Polley B. Hubbard  
Judah Dickinson & Thankfull Dickinson  
Eleazar Dana & Sally Cutler—  
L<sup>t</sup> Noah Dickinson & Susanna Ward

ICHABOD DRAPER—

Marriages Solemnized by the Rev David Parsons from May 2<sup>d</sup> 1791 to May 14 1792 (viz)—

John Dodge & Violet Warriner—  
George Eddy & Cloe Rowe—  
Capt Benjamin Davenport & Jerusha Ballard  
Stephen Tainter & Elizabeth Gorham—  
Noah Wright Childs of Deerfield & Mary Graves of Sunderland  
Olliver Cows jnr & Lois Clark  
Isaac Molinux of Bernardston & Sally Gaylord  
Thomas Harlow of Pelham & Sarah King New Salem

Test DAVID PARSONS

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the First Parish Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup> Amherst on Monday the fourteenth day of May A D 1792 at 2 o Clock in the afternoon Voted a follows (viz)—





Voted Mr Ebenezar Boltwood Moderator

Voted to graint to Simeon Strong Esq a bit of town way at the East End of S.<sup>d</sup> Simeons land leyng north of and adjoining to Capt Eli Parkers house Said land being twelve feet wide at S.<sup>d</sup> Parkers dore yard runing thirtey three rods to a point at the N E Corner of Said Land; which land Contains Eleven rods & 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet at 80-0 Per Acre—

Voted to graint to Capt Eli Parker a Small bit of town way in front of his dore yard so as to correspond with Simeon Strong's land granted above; being twelve feet wide on the north side runing to a point at the distance of nine rods Containing three rods and nine feet, and that Said Eli Pay for Said land at the rate of 80-0 Per Acre - 60-0 Paid &c—

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to appley to the court of Common Pleas for a Court Com<sup>tee</sup> to Assertain the County Rode for Amherst

Voted to Choose a Committee of five to Vew the ground before Asahel Clarks house and say how much if any of the Town Way Can be Sold to Said Asahel without Incommoding the Publick and apprais Said land and make reporte to Next Meeting

Voted Den Elisha Smith Major Zebina Montague Mr Ebenezar Boltwood Den John Billings and Leut Elijah Dickinson be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above

Voted to direct the Treasurer to Exchange Capt James Hendricks note in the Town Treasury for Stoughton Dickinsons with a bondsman

Voted to Choose a Committee of two to Trans Scribe from Hadley records the Limits and bounds of the Town of Amherst and have it Inserted in Amherst Records—

Voted Daniel Cooley Esq & Seth Coleman be the Committee above

Attest

EBENEZAR BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting house in Said Amherst on Monday the Eighth day of October 1792 at one of the Clock In the afternoon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Daniel Cooley Esq Moderator—

Voted that the Committee appointed to averidge the avails of the Street land Proceed to averidge the Notes now in the Town Treasury and see what is the Proportion belonging to Each Parish agreeable to a former vote—

Voted that those Persons that have obligations now in the Town Treasury for Streat Land may Stipulate with the Standing Committee of Either Parish for the payment of their Notes and that a Receipt from the Court of Either Parish Shall be the Town Treasurers discharge for the Same untill the full sum be Exhausted to which that Parish is Intitled to which the Com<sup>tee</sup> thus receipting Shall belong

Voted that the time of bringing the receipts mention above be limited to the first day of May 1793

Voted to Choose a Committee of five to vew the ground on the west side of the Highway opposit to Perez Dickinsons, and say how much land (if any) they Judge it Expedient to grant to Said Perez to set a blacksmiths shop upon and appraise the same and make reporte to next Meeting

Voted Daniel Kellogg jnr Joseph Eastman Capt Eli Parker Den John Belding and Capt Ebenezar Boltwood be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above—

Attest

DANIEL COOLEY Moderator

A List of Electors for the President and Vice President of the united States Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1792 as given in by the Inheabitants of the town of Amherst. is as follows (viz)—



|                                        |    |
|----------------------------------------|----|
| Honora, <sup>e</sup> Elijah Dwight Esq | 19 |
| Simeon Strong Esq                      | 16 |
| William Shepherd Esq                   | 24 |
| Moses Gill Esq                         | 20 |
| Dwight Foster Esq                      | 20 |
| Levi Lincoln Esq                       | 11 |
| Thompson J Skinner Esq                 | 10 |
| Daniel Bigelow Esq                     | 11 |
| Samuel Hinshaw Esq                     | 8  |
| Wareham Parker Esq                     | 1  |
| Ebenezar Hunt Esq                      | 1  |
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Bishop Esq           | 1  |
| Ebene <sup>r</sup> Mattoon Esq         | 4  |
| Samuel Lyman Esq                       | 4  |
| Theodore Sedgwick Esq                  | 1  |
| William Lyman Esq                      | 1  |

Amherst Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1792

EBENEZAR BOLTWOOD P<sup>r</sup> ord of the Selectmen

A list of Federal Representatives as Voted for Nov 2<sup>d</sup> 1792 by the Inheabitants of Amherst is as follows (viz)

|                                                            | No of votes |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Hon <sup>r</sup> Theodore Sedgwick for County of Berkshire | 39          |
| Thompson J Skinner for Do                                  | 13          |
| William Lyman for County of Hampshire                      | 38          |
| Samel Henshaw for Do Ditto                                 | 7           |
| Samuel Lyman for Do Do                                     | 3           |
| Artimus Ward for County of Worcester                       | 45          |
| Jonathan Grout for Do of Ditto                             | 2           |
| Samuel Lyman for the District                              | 38          |
| Theodore Sedgwick for the District                         | 10          |
| William Lyman for Ditto                                    | 1           |
| Gen <sup>l</sup> Cobb for 3 Districts                      | 47          |

EBENEZAR BOLTWOOD P<sup>r</sup> order of the Selectmen

Amherst Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1792

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the first Parish Meeting house on Tuesday the Sixth day of November 1792 at two of the Clock in the afternoon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Capt Moses Cook Moderator—

Voted to make sum reporte to the general Court relative to the division of the County of Hampshire

Voted that it is the sence of this town that it is not Expedient that any division of the County of hampshire should take place at Present

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to make reporte to the general Court setting fourth their objections against the division of the County of Hampshire

Voted that Simeon Strong Esq Daniel Cooley Esq and Seth Coleman be the Committee above

Voted to have the School Money Equally divided between the Six Districts the Current year

Attest

MOSES COOK JNR Moderator



[*Transcribed from Hadley Town Records.*]

January 5<sup>th</sup> 1729—30 whereas it is supposed that there is a mistake in the land of the width of Mr Timothy Eastmans Lot in the Second Division that the twenty nine rods five foot Should have been Sixty nine rods and five foot Voted by the town that the Said Lot Should be Sixty nine rods and five foot in width

Attest ELEAZAR PORTER Moderator

There followeth an Account of the Wood Lots in the most Easterly Division which begins Forty Rods from the rear of the Second Division so runs to the East End of the bounds of the town which lots are two miles In length and in breadth as is hereafter Expressed in which everyone hath a lot lying as follows (viz)

|                                             | Rods | Ft. |                       | Rods | Ft. |
|---------------------------------------------|------|-----|-----------------------|------|-----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Lot Samuel, Josiah & Joseph |      |     | Widdo Craft           | 1    | 9   |
| Church their three Lots one                 | 5    |     | John Smith            | 26   | 5   |
| in breadth at the front: and 85             |      |     | Peter Tilton          | 23   | 10  |
| at the rear bounded on Brook-               |      |     | Samuel Dickinson      | 5    | 2   |
| field rode South and John                   |      |     | Mr Isaac Chauncy      | 32   | 6   |
| Ingram North                                |      |     | Samuel Gaylord        | 15   | 1   |
| 2 <sup>d</sup> Lot John Ingram              | 25   | 5   | William Gaylord       | 10   | 5   |
| John Ingram jr                              | 13   | 3   | John Smith orph       | 28   | 14  |
| Samuel Ingram                               | 10   | 6   | John Hilyard          | 10   | 6   |
| Nathaniel Ingram                            | 10   | 6   | William Brown         | 10   | 6   |
| Jonathan Ingram                             | 5    | 2   | Nehemiah Dickinson    | 68   | 1   |
| Jonathan Marsh                              | 33   | 5   | Mrs Hannah Porter     | 15   | 4   |
| Ens Chileab Smith                           | 23   | 10  | Mr Samuel Porter      | 90   | 10  |
| Samuel Smith C.h                            | 20   | 6   | Hezekiah Porter       | 18   | 12  |
| Luke Smith                                  | 32   | 2   | John Porter           | 8    | 4   |
| Ebenezar Smith                              | 13   | 0   | Exsperian Porter      | 19   | 4   |
| John Smith                                  | 15   | 8   | Ichabod Porter        | 13   | 14  |
| Ephraim Nash                                | 7    | 13  | Samuel Nash           | 11   | 14  |
| Samuel Smith Sen                            | 10   | 6   | Ebenezar Nash         | 7    | 8   |
| James Smith                                 | 27   | 13  | Daniel Hubbard        | 36   | 4   |
| Preserved Smith                             | 10   | 6   | Peter Montague        | 53   | 5   |
| Widdo Cook                                  | 1    | 10  | Nathaniel Dickinson   | 2    | 1   |
| John Nash                                   | 18   | 11  | John Montague         | 32   | 12  |
| Joseph Nash                                 | 18   | 11  | Nathaniel White       | 47   | 7   |
| Thomas Nash                                 | 5    | 3   | Samuel Smith          | 27   | 4   |
| Mr William Williams                         | 4    | 5   | Ichabod Smith         | 22   | 7   |
| John Cook                                   | 3    | 13  | Daniel Marsh and Sons | 85   | 11  |
| John Graves                                 | 2    | 6   | Thomas Selding        | 42   | 0   |
| Stephen Belding                             | 5    | 10  | John Selding          | 12   | 0   |
| Ebenezar Billings                           | 3    | 0   | Jacob Warner          | 26   | 5   |
| Samuel Billings jr                          | 1    | 9   | John Preston          | 17   | 10  |
| David Warner                                | 5    | 0   | Nathaniel Warner      | 26   | 15  |
| Widdo Warner                                | 5    | 0   | Thomas Dickinson      | 26   | 14  |
| Joseph Smith Hatfield                       | 2    | 9   | Samuel Boltwood       | 27   | 2   |
| Ebenezar Wells                              | 13   | 0   | Eld Church            | 20   | 15  |
| Samuel & Ebenezar Moody                     | 41   | 8   | Mr William Rooker     | 13   | 8   |
| Samuel Marsh                                | 14   | 0   | Mr George Stilman     | 32   | 6   |
| John Kellogg                                | 19   | 6   | John Taylor Senior    | 45   | 0   |



|                   |    |    |                      |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|----------------------|----|----|
| E,d Kellogg       | 10 | 6  | John Taylor Junior   | 10 | 6  |
| Joseph Kellogg    | 34 | 2  | Eleazar Warner       | 10 | 6  |
| Nathaniel Kellogg | 10 | 6  | Isaac Warner         | 10 | 6  |
| Aaron Cook        | 23 | 10 | Daniel Warner        | 5  | 2  |
| Thomas Hovey      | 29 | 0  | Samuel Crow          | 20 | 5  |
| Westward Cook     | 43 | 12 | Samuel Partridge     | 44 | 14 |
| Samuel Cook       | 24 | 2  | Thomas Goodman       | 31 | 6  |
| Moses Cook        | 24 | 2  | Town Lot             | 24 | 0  |
| Colemans Land     | 23 | 10 | Timothy Eastman      | 41 | 8  |
| Joseph Smith      | 15 | 11 | Col Samuel Partridge | 24 | 4  |
| John Goodman      | 40 | 1  | Samuel Barnard       | 26 | 1  |

The above Said Lots were equally Proportioned and Laid out according to the order of the Town in the year of our Lord 1703

Per or      CAPT AARON COOK ESQ  
                  CAPT NEHEMIAH DICKINSON } Town  
                  MR SAMUEL PORTER                } Measurers

Hadley Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1738 at a Legal Meeting of the Propriators of the land in Hadley lying between the Bay Road and the Mill river the outermost Commons and the East End of the Town bounds

Voted Coll Porter Moderator of Said Meeting

Voted and granted by Said Propriators one hundred acres of land adjoining to the Northernmost lot in the 2<sup>d</sup> Division or Tear of Lots to be for the use and benefit and at the Disposal of the Third Precinct

Voted and granted to Mr Samuel and Jonathan Russell, want of Land in the third Division be made up to them out of the aforesaid undivided Land and that the Lots cut short in the Said third division be mad up out of the Remainder of the undivided Land if there be Enough if not Enough to be divided in Proportion to their want if even to remain for the further use on Disposal of Said Propriators—

Attest      ELEAZAR PORTER Moderator of Said Meeting

March 17<sup>th</sup> 1740 At a Legal Meeting of the Propriators of the Common and on undivided Land in Hadley third Precinct above Said

Voted Capt Smith Moderator—

Voted that the Line of Division between man and man in the third Division of the Land above Said Shall be according to the original or first survey thereof in 1703 Voted that we now proceed to lay out the land at the North End of the Second and third Division unto those Persons that have not their Proportion of Land in the third Division agreeable to the graint above Said in 1738

Voted a Committee to lay out the Same with Nathaniel Kellogg jun whom they have Chosen Surveyor L<sup>t</sup> William Dickinson and Ebenezar Kellogg and Solomon Boltwood

Voted that the Committee above Said are to View and Determin whare the Highway Should be through third Division, to accomodate those that desire the Same

The order of the Lots as they were chosen by the Propriators at the North End of the Second and third Division is as follows—first lot

|                 |   |                  |    |
|-----------------|---|------------------|----|
| Ebenezar Selden | 1 | John Preston     | 16 |
| Edward Church   | 2 | Solomon Boltwood | 17 |
| Samuel Barnard  | 3 | Peter Montague   | 18 |





|                                  |    |                       |    |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------------------|----|
| William Rooker                   | 4  | John Taylor Jun & Sen | 19 |
| John Goodman                     | 5  | Thomas Dickinson      | 20 |
| Nathaniel Dickinson              | 6  | Mr Stilman            | 21 |
| Eleazar Warner                   | 7  | Job Marsh             | 22 |
| Dea <sup>n</sup> Nathaniel White | 8  | Timothy Eastman       | 23 |
| Ichabod Smith                    | 9  | Coll Patridge         | 24 |
| Samuel Crow                      | 10 | Porters               | 25 |
| John Montague                    | 11 | John Selding          | 26 |
| Samuel Patridge                  | 12 | Daniel Warner         | 27 |
| Nathaniel Warner                 | 13 | Isaac Warner          | 28 |
| Jacob Warner                     | 14 | Town Lot              | 29 |
| Edmund Hubbard                   | 15 | Thomas Goodman        | 30 |

Then followeth a return of the Survey and Laying out of Sundry Lots of Land to the Persons hereafter named which Land lies at the North-Easterly part of Hadley Townships Pursuant to a grant to them by the Propriators of Said Land at their Meeting the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1738—as an Equivalent for their lots of land by the runing the Town Line which is Proportioned and laid agreeable to the Rule given by the Propriators of Said Meeting,—

The Lots following were Laid in the order as they were drawn as Per the Propriators Book of Records will appear Note the Land is Laid in two tear of Sorts and Divided by a rode of four Rods in breadth which begins at a heap of Stones at the North west Corner of Samuel Patridges third division Lot, it being the Northerly lot in said third division from which heaps of Stones it runs north to the Mill river this heap of Stones being on the East side of the road the order of the Lots as followeth—Mr Jonathan and Samuel Russell,<sup>s</sup> Lot, altho it was not drawn with the rest of the Lots, was ordered to be laid out first and in quantity Seven Acres and fifty three rods and in breadth Fourteen Rods and Eleven foot and Six Inches at East End, and to a Point at the West End, Beginning at a Heap of Stones, the aforementioned North west Corner of Samuel Patridges third Division Lot, From which it Runs East ten Degrees 30<sup>m</sup>, South one hundred and Sixty Rods, to the East Line of the town, thence North in Said Town Line Fourteen rods and Eleven Foot and Six Inches, thence west five degrees North to the aforesaid heap of Stones and closed Bounded South by Samuel Partridge, North by Ebenezar Selding, East, on the Town Line West in the above Described Highway—

|                                                               | Quantity |       | in breadth  |    |    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|----|----|
|                                                               | A.       | Rods. | R.          | ft | in |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Ebenezar Seldings in quantity                 | 16       | 80    | 10          | 8  | 6  |
|                                                               |          |       | At west end |    |    |
|                                                               |          |       | 22          | 9  | 3  |
|                                                               |          |       | At East End |    |    |
| 2 <sup>d</sup> Edward Church, in quantity                     | 15       | 80    | 16          | 6  | 3  |
| 3 <sup>d</sup> Samuel Barnard, in quantity                    | 36       | 1     | 38          | 2  | 3  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> William Rooker, in quantity                   | 12       | —     | 12          | 11 | 6  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> John Goodman, in quantity                     | 43       | —     | 52          | 4  | 6  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Nathaniel Dickinson, in quantity              | —        | 83    | —           | 13 | 7  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Eleazar Warner, in Quantity                   | 10       | 14    | 10          | 15 | 5  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Dea <sup>n</sup> Nathaniel White, in Quantity | 13       | 152   | 14          | 11 | 6  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Ichabod Smith, in Quantity                    | 8        | 14    | 9           | 8  | 6  |



|                                               |                                                        |    |             |             |             |   |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                              | Samuel Crow, in quantity                               | 21 | 80          | 23          | 2           | 6 |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                              | John Montague, in Quantity                             | 8  | 123         | 9           | 5           | 6 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                              | Samuel Partridge                                       | 59 | 20          | 64          | 2           | 5 |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                              | Nathaniel Warner, in quantity                          | 18 | 13          | 20          | 1           | — |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>                              | Jacob Warner, in quantity                              | 16 | —           | 17          | 14          | — |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                              | Edmund Hubbard, in quantity                            | 5  | 140         | 9           | 8           | 3 |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                              | John Preston, in quantity                              | 16 | —           | 26          | —           | — |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                              | Solomon Boltwood, in quantity                          | 28 | 34          | 45          | 3           | — |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                              | Peter Montague, in quantity                            | 11 | 40          | 13          | 9           | — |
| [13 rods, 9 feet west end, 11 rods east end.] |                                                        |    |             |             |             |   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                              | John Taylor Senior & Junior in quantity                | 35 | —           | 15 west end | 55 east end |   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                              | Thomas Dickinson, in quantity                          | 19 | 24          | —           | —           | — |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                              | George Stilman in quantity                             | 25 | in the hole |             |             |   |
|                                               | but in this place                                      | 15 | 136         | 64          | 8           | — |
|                                               | the remaining Part of Said Right lies at the           |    |             |             |             |   |
|                                               | South End of the West tear of lots. (viz)              | 9  | 24          | 10          | 2           | — |
| 22 <sup>d</sup>                               | Daniel Marshes Right laid out to his heirs in quantity | 37 | 40          | 22          | 14          | — |
| [22 rods, 14 west end, 97 rods east end.]     |                                                        |    |             |             |             |   |
| 23 <sup>d</sup>                               | Timothy Eastman, in quantity                           | 51 | 10          | 51          | 11          | — |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                              | Coll Samuel Partridge, in quantity                     | 30 | 146         | 30          | 14          | — |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                              | Samuel Porter, in quantity                             | 7  | 20          | 7           | 2           | — |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>                              | John Belding, in quantity                              | 15 | 80          | 15          | 8           | 6 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                              | Daniel Warner, in quantity                             | 5  | —           | 5           | —           | — |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                              | Isaac Warner, in quantity                              | 10 | 14          | 10          | 2           | — |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                              | Town Lot, in quantity                                  | 28 | 12          | 28          | 2           | — |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>                              | Thomas Goodman, in quantity                            | 35 | —           | 35          | —           | — |
| 31 <sup>st</sup>                              | Samuel & Ebenezar Nash in quantity                     | 2  | —           | 2           | —           | — |

These Lots all Ley in the order as their Names are Entered all of Equal Length. the division Lines are all East and West. they all bound East on an highway and west on Land quoted to South Hadley. Timothy Eastman bounds South on Daniel Marsh's heirs Land. Samuel & Ebenezar Nash bound North on undivided land—Surveyed 1740 P<sup>er</sup> me.

NATHANIEL KELLOGG

December 10<sup>th</sup> 1792—

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of a Tract of Land in common and undivided lying in Amherst in the County of Hampshire, bounded southernly upon the second and third Division of Land, so Called, Easterly of Said Amherst, East Line. Northerly and westerly Partly on the Mill river and Partly on the North Line of Amherst afore Said—which Land is Commonly known by the name of flat hill land, duly warned and legally assembled at the dwelling house of Jonathan Cook Inn holder in Hadley in Said County on thursday, the tenth day of December 1772 at ten of the Clock in the forenoon of Said Day—

Voted Capt Moses Marsh Moderator of this Meeting

Voted Josiah Peirce Proprietors Clerk to record all votes and orders sworn—

Voted that we now Proceed to a Division of the Said tract of Land to and among the interested So that Each Proprietor may hold and Improve his or heirs Share on Proportion in Severalty—



Voted that the Said tract Shall be Divided into two tears of lots and Divided by a rode of four Rods in breadth which Begins at an heap of Stones at the North west Corner of the third Division lot, which is known by the name of Barnards North West Corner from which heaps of Stones it runs North to the Mill river, this heap of Stones being on the East Side of Said Road, and that Each Propriator Shall hold and Improve his or heir Share in Said Tract in Severalty, in the following order and quantity—and by the following bounds—(viz)—

Amherst Oct<sup>d</sup> 25 1792

We, the Subscribers have with the Selectmen of Shutesbury (viz) John Powers and Andrew Hamilton, Preambulated the line between this town and Shutesbury Beginning at the South west Corner of Shutesbury being a Stake and Stones thence Running North 4 Degrees West 590 Rods to a Stake and Stones in Leverett line Near Isaac Adams.<sup>s</sup> House Said line is marked with the Letters A & S the Minutes taken by W<sup>m</sup> Bowman surveyer -

|                   |   |                         |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------|
| EBENEZER BOLTWOOD | } | Selectmen of<br>Amherst |
| ELIJAH DICKINSON  |   |                         |

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meet-house on Monday the fourteenth day of January 1793 at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon Voted as follows—(viz)

Voted Capt Ebenezer Boltwood Moderator

Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> of three to Inspect and Consider the bills Exhibited to this Meeting for the Erecting of the School house in the South west District of Amherst

Voted that De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith Stoughton Dickinson and John Dickinson be the Committee above—

Voted to adjourn this Meeting for the Space of one hour and then to Meet at the Propriatory School house in Amherst—the Meeting being met at time and Place according to the adjournment above proceeded to Vote as follows—(viz)—

Voted to allow the Bills as they have been red and Corrected—

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Levy a Tax to rais the above granted monies

Voted that the Assessors Consider Joseph Bowlls laist Town and County Rate and make fresh abatement thereon as they Judge to be Equitable

Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to Deliver out to the Committee of the Second Parish all the Notes that are now remaining in the Town Treasury, which are Left in Consequence of the division of the Streat land Notes made by the averidging Com<sup>tee</sup> (persuant to a vote of the town) on the fourth day of April 1791—

Voted to Accept of the Reporte of the Committee Chosen in may laist to Vew the ground before Asabel Clarks house and Say how much land if any should be sold to Said Asabel which reporte is as follows (viz)—To Begin at Said Asabel Clarks South west Corner and running a line Parrellel with his west fence forty Eight feet—thence Southeast one rod—thence a Straight line to Strike twelve feet South from the South west corner of his hous—thence to run by his house to his fence twelve foot from the frunt of his house containing by Estimation twenty rods and they have adjudged the Said land to be worth twenty five Shillings—he put



ting the Roade in as good Repare as it now is by plowing the hill south of his house and doing other things necessary at his own Expence.

Amherst Decemb<sup>r</sup> 18 1792

|                             |   |           |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------|
| ELISHA SMITH                | } | Committee |
| EBENE <sup>r</sup> BOLTWOOD |   |           |
| ELIJAH DICKINSON            |   |           |
| ZEBINA MONTAGUE             |   |           |

Voted that the above described bit of ground be granted to Asahel Clark in fee Provided to Comply with the Conditions above on his parte—

Voted to abate to Stephen Smith the following rates (viz) John Johnston State tax 5<sup>d</sup> Ditto Highway rate 2-7 Thomas Mortons State Tax 4-0<sup>3</sup> Ditto Highway rate 7-4<sup>1</sup> Joab Ingram town tax 7-0—x

Voted to abate to Nath<sup>l</sup> Edwards the following rates (viz) Paul Newtons rates 28-8 Amisa Allins rate 4-7 wareham warners rate 6-11

Attest EBENE<sup>r</sup> BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting house on Monday the first day of April in the year of our lord one thousand Seven hundred and ninety three at nine of the Clock in the Morning Voted as Follows (viz)

Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood Moderator

Voted Seth Coleman Clerk & Treasurer—

Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood, Cap Moses Cook, Daniel Kellogg jr, L<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Dickinson, L<sup>t</sup> Timothy Handerson, Selectmen—

Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood, Noah Smith, and Capt Moses Cook Assessors—

Voted Isaac Robbins and John Ingram 2<sup>d</sup> Constables—

Voted Elijah Baker, Jonathan Dickinson, Noah Smith, Joel Moody, Judah Dickinson, Solomon Boltwood, Nathan Dickinson jr. Silas Wright Surveyers of Highways—

Voted Timothy Clap, L<sup>t</sup> Timothy Handerson Ephraim Kellogg jr, Jamin Kimbal & Judah Dickinson Teything Men

Voted Joseph Dickinson and Martin Kellogg fens Vewers

Voted Den. Elisha Smith Sealer of Leather

Voted Stephen Fish Packer of beef and Porke—

Voted Stoughton Dickinson Surveyer of Lumber—

Voted Daniel Cooley Esq. Jamin Kimbal Silas Wright, Asa Smith Nathan Franklin, Capt Ebene<sup>r</sup> Boltwood, Hog reives

Voted to rais Seventy two Pounds for Schooling the Currant year—

Voted to Rais one Hundred Pounds for the repare of the High ways this year

Voted to allow three Shillings Pr day for worke at the High ways, till the first of September. and one and sixpence the rest of the year

Voted to rais Twenty Pounds for the supporte of the Poor of the Town this year—

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Asses the above granted monies—

Voted to allow three Shillings Per day for a team with Proper utencils.

Voted to abate to Ephraim Kellogg his rate against Nath<sup>l</sup> Peck 2<sup>d</sup>—

Voted to adjurn this Meeting for one hour and then to Meet at this Place





Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> of five to make such Enquirey and Examination Into the Matter of Serten lost orders as they Shall Judge Necessary and Make reporte to this Meeting at sum futer day—

Voted Simeon Strong Esq: Daniel Cooley Esq Capt Eli Parker Martin Kellogg & Capt John Tomson be the Committee above

Voted to grant a Com<sup>tee</sup> of three to vew the ground before the West frunt of David Billings lot, and Say how much land, if any, may be Expedient for the Town to grant to Said Billing, and to appraise the Same, and make repore to sum futer meeting—

Voted Mr Jonathan Dickinson, Ins Moses Hastings & Nathan Dickinson jr. be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above

Voted to adjurn this Meeting to Monday the fifteenth day of Instant April, at four of the Clock in the afternoon, then to Meet at this Place, April 15<sup>th</sup> 1793 the Town being Met at time and Place voted above Come to the following votes (viz)

Voted that the Com<sup>tee</sup> (appointed to Inquire Into the Matters of Sertain laust orders) Proceed to make such further Investigation of the matter as they Shall think Expedient and make reporte to sum futer Meeting—

Voted to make an addition of two more to the Com<sup>tee</sup> above

Voted that De<sup>n</sup> John Billings and David Cows be added to the Committee—

Voted to accept the Reporte of the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to Vew and appraise a bit of land before David Billings house and grant the land as Discribed in their Reporte to Said David, he giving security for the Same to the Town Treasury— which Reporte is as follows as P<sup>r</sup> the files will appear—(viz)—the Committeee have been to Vew the land that David Billings Petitions the town for and we think it wortn hurt the Publick rode to begin one rod in weadth the north Side of his lot runing south forty Seven rods to a point which Contain twenty three rods and half of ground which we Prise at the rate of Six Pound ten Shillings Per Acre which is nineteen Shillings and one peny if we Caist write, signed by the Com<sup>tee</sup> sent to vew—

Voted April 15<sup>th</sup> 1793

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| NATHAN DICKINSON   | } | Com <sup>tee</sup> |
| JONATHAN DICKINSON |   |                    |
| MOSES HASTINGS     |   |                    |

Attest EBENER BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the Town of Amherst holden at the First Parish Meeting House In Said town on Monday the Twelfth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety three at two of the Clock in the afternoon—Voted as follows—(Viz)—

Voted Daniel Cooley Esq Moderator—

Voted to hear the report of the Committee appointed to make Inquiry respecting the Credit allowed to the town by the government—

Voted to Commence and Prosecute an action against any Person or Persons who may be Supposed to have received and Converted to his own use, such Credit or monies, or any part thereof, as hath been allowed—to the Town by government

Voted that the Sute mentioned above be Commenced against General Ebenezer Mattoon—

Voted to Choose a Committee of three, to direct the Commencement and Prosecution of the Sute Voted above—

Voted that Capt Eli Parker Daniel Cooley Esq and Martin Kellogg be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above—



Voted to appoint an agent to appear at Court in behalf of the Town to Prosecute the above sute

Voted to Draw money out of the Treasury to Defray the Expences of Said Sute—

Voted that the Selectmen be Impowered to Draw such Sum or sums of Money, out of the Treasury as they Shall think Necessary—

Attest DANIEL COOLEY Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the First Parish Meeting House on Friday the Twenty fifth day of October 1793 at three of the Clock in the afternoon—Voted as Follows (Viz)—

Voted L' Jonathan Dickinson Moderator—

Voted that the Selectmen Divide the money raised this year for Schooling into Six Equal Parts as was Voted Nov<sup>r</sup> 1792 for that year—

Attest JONATHAN DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting-Houste in Said Amherst on thirsdlay the twenty Sixth day of Decembr, in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety three, at nine of the Clock in the forenoon. Voted as Follows—(Viz)

Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood Moderator.

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Exzeamin and Correct the Bills that are brought to the town

Voted Daniel Cooley Esq. Capt Moses Cook & Barnabas Sabins be the Committee above—

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Landlord Parsons,<sup>s</sup> and meet there at one of the Clock in the afternoon.—The Town being Met at time and Place according to the adjurnment above—Voted to adjourn to the Proprietary School house in Said Amherst first Parish and there to Meet Immediately—

Voted to allow the bills as they have been red and Corrected by ye Committee

Voted to Prosecute an Action against Elijah Baker to recover monies supposed to be in his hands belonging to the Town—

Voted to Appoint three agents to Carry on the Prosecution, against the Said Baker—

Voted that Simeon Strong Esq. Martin Kellogg & Coll Zebina Montague be agents in behalf of the Town to Submit to Reference on Arbitration a demand of the Town against Elijah Baker of one Hundred and Twenty Pounds, for their money on Securities, which it is Alledged that he has receiv,<sup>d</sup> and for which he aught to account, together with all other demands between Said Baker and the town; & that the Agents be Jointley and Severally impowered, in behalf of the town to Enter Into Recognisance for Submitting the Same according to the Statute to the Award of Miss<sup>rs</sup> Elisha Root Ebenezar Gray and Giles Hubbard; or otherwise if it Shall be thought Proper to make and Execute legal bonds of Submission to Said Persons or Arbitrators of the Demand before Expressed to the Said Baker, and to receive such bond of Said Baker to the town; and in behalf of the Town to Appear before Such Referrees or Arbitrators to Prove and supporte Said deminds and to do all Necessary & reasonable acts for Effecting the Purpose of Submission.

Voted that Simeon Strong Esq. be an agent for the Town to Appear at



Court to Prosecute the sute against Elijah Baker on supposition he refuse to Submit to Reference or Arbitration—

Voted that the Selectmen be Impowered to draw money out of the Treasury to defray the Expende of the Sute on Arbitration or Reference with Elijah Baker

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Asses the above granted monies—

Voted that those bills that have been allowed for work dun at the Highway by order of the Selectmen the Current year, be Credited to those Persons that did the worke in the next Highway rate—

Voted that it is the Sense of this Town that the County Rode that hath been lately Laid acrost the Corner of L,<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Dickinson,<sup>s</sup> lot, be Continued to lay in the former place by Esq Cooleys house—

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to draw up the objections of the Town against the removeing of the Rode out of the old Place, and lay them before the Court

Voted that Capt Ebenezar Boltwood, Coll Zebina Montague and Daniel Kellogg jr. be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above—

Voted to abate to Stephen Smith his rates against Ezekiel Ingram (viz) Town rate 7-0 State Rate 2-1½ Highway rate 2-10½ x—

Voted to abate to Eldad Moody his Rate against Paul Newton 1-8 also his rates against Wareham Worner (viz) 1-2½ State Tax N. 9, 2-3 x—

Voted to abate to Solomon Boltwood his rate against Stephen Backamore of 7-3—

Attest

EBENEZAR BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the Town of Amherst qualified according to the Constitution to vote for goviner &c April 1794 Voted as follows—(viz)

Votes for governor were as follows —

Hon William Cushing Eightyfive—

Samuel Adams Eighteen—

Samuel Philips one

Mr Dana two

Mr Sullivan thirteen

Elbridge Gerry one—

Votes for Lieutenant governor were as follows

Hon. Samuel Adams thirty

Nathaniel Gorham Thirtyfour

Elbridge Gerrey five—

Samuel Philips—three

Leut. John Dickinson—three—

Votes for Senitors were as follows.—

Mr Samuel Lyman Esq one Hundred & Eighteen

Samuel Fowler Esq Sixty one

John Hastings Esq one Hundred & Sixteen

Samuel Henshaw Esq twenty one

Wm Billings Esq Fortey one

Wm Shephard Esq Seventy Seven—

Ebenezar Mattoon, Esq Fiftety one

David Saxton Esq Ninty Seven



Simeon Strong Esq Five—

John Williams Esq one

David Smeed Esq two—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting house on Monday the Seventh Day of April one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety four at Nine of the Clock in the morning Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Coll Zebina Montague Moderator—

Voted Seth Coleman, Clerk & Treasurer—

Voted Coll Zebina Montague, De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, Joseph Dickinson, Aj,<sup>t</sup> Medad Dickinson and Capt Elijah Dickinson, Selectmen

Voted De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, Coll Zebina Montague & John Eastman Assessors—

Voted Noadiah Smith for Josiah Thayer, and John Dickinson for Silas Wright Constables—

Voted Ins. Simeon Dickinson Judah Dickinson, Coll Zebina Montague. Asa Newil, Isaac Marshal John Lee Surveyers of Highways—

Voted Martin Baker, Elijah Baker jr,<sup>t</sup> Moses Smith, Asa Dickinson, Simeon Dickinson jr Teything men

Voted L<sup>t</sup> Timothy Handerson and Justus Williams, fens vewers

Voted De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith Sealer of Leather

Voted Jonathan Marsh, Stephen Fish and David Blotchet jnr Packer of beef & Porke—

Voted Stoughton Dickinson Surveyer of Lumber—

Voted Henry J Franklin, Ephraim Kellogg, Ezekiel Dickinson, L.<sup>t</sup> Ebenezar Eastman, Jearub White, Capt Moses Cook Hog reives—

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour and then to meet at this Place The town being met at time and place according to the adjournment—Voted as follows—(viz)—

Voted to Come into sum methord to Procure wood for the Schools in Town—

Voted to Choose a Committee of Seven to adopt some Equitable Method to Procure wood for the Town Schools in futer, and that they reporte at some futer Meeting—

Voted Samuel Hastings, Noah Smith, Joel Dickinson, Josiah Warner John Dickinson, Timothy Green, jnr. Daniel Kellogg jnr be the Committee above

Voted to adjourn this Meeting for one quarter of an hour and then Meet at this Place—

the town being met according to adjournment Voted as follows—

Voted to allow To John Williams his Proportion of School money for two years laist paist—

Voted to abate to Nathaniel Edwards his rate against the Estate of John Nash Late of Amherst Deceast (viz) 13-7½

Voted to abate to Eldad Moody Part of his rate against L.<sup>t</sup> Joel Billings (viz) 5-6—x

Voted that the Selectmen Vew the ground between David Cows and L.<sup>t</sup> Ebenezar Eastmans land, and if they think it best for the town to Lay a rode between S.<sup>d</sup> Cows and L.<sup>t</sup> Eastmans land and across part of Jonathan Marshes Land, in the Lew of the rode that now runs East from L.<sup>t</sup> Ebenezar Eastmans House and make reporte to sum futer meeting—

Voted to Raise Seventy two Pounds for Schooling this year—

Voted to Raise one Hundred Pounds to repaire the Highways this year—





Voted to Impower the Assessors to Asses the above granted monies -

Voted to allow three Shillings <sup>Per</sup> day for worke at the Highway till the first of September and one Shilling and Six Pence the rest of the year—

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Vew the ground through the third Division by John Williams,<sup>s</sup> to Belcher line, and Reporte to the next meeting wheather it be Expedient to lay a rode through Said Division and whare

Voted Capt Jonathan Dickinson, Aj,<sup>t</sup> Medad Dickinson and Capt Ebenezar Boltwood, be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above—

Voted to Suspend the Prosecution against Ebenezar Mattoon Esq till further orders from the town—

Voted to abate to David Goodale his rate against Adam Johnston (viz) 5-10

Attest ZEBINA MONTAGUE Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the town of Amherst holden at the first Parish Meeting house on Thirsday the twenty fourth day of April one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety four at two of the Clock afternoon. Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Coll Zebina Montague Moderator—

Voted to accept of the list of Jurors as they have been red<sup>d</sup>

Voted to accept the reporte of the Selectmen for the alteration of a rode near L,<sup>t</sup> Ebenezar Eastmans which is as follows—(viz)—The Selectmen having Vewed the rode Proposed to be laid between Ebenezar Eastmans, and David Cows land—Eastward toward Jonathan Marshes Mills on further Eastward to Ephraim Cushman—So Reporte as their opinion that it is for the Interest of the publick that the Same be Established through Said lands untill it Strikes Jonathan Marshes, thence a Northerly cours across a pine hill, owned by Said Marsh untill it Strikes the old road, to Said Cushman, in the most advantageous place—they the Said Eastman and Marsh, Excepting the old road in Exchange for the ground for the new proposed road

Voted that the Assessors make the Highway rate by the laist Town List—

Voted not to prosecute the action against Ebenezar Mattoon Esq any further—

Voted that the Towns Agent be directed not to Enter the action against Ebenezar Matton Esq—

Voted that the Selectmen Advertise the Towns Agent of the above Votes.

Attest ZEBINA MONTAGUE Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the first Parish Meeting house on monday the twelvth day of May 1794—Voted as follows—(viz)—

Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood Moderator—

Voted that it is the sence of this Town that the sute Commenced by the Town of Amherst Against Elijah Baker In January laist be suspended from any further Prosecution by Said Town.

Attest EBENEZAR BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the first Parish Meeting house on Monday the sixtheenth day of June 1794 Come to the following Votes—(viz) Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood Moderator

Voted to Choose a Committee to Settle all Matters depending between Capt Moses Cook and the Town, and that their Settlement be decisive, and this Com-



mittee is Impowered to do all things they Shall find necessary to compleat the above purpose, in which article is ment to be Included on Exe.<sup>n</sup> in Capt Moses Cooks hands from the County Treasury, against Thomas Hastings—

Voted that the above Com<sup>tee</sup> Consist of three

Voted that Seth Coleman De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith & Coll Zebina Montague be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above.—

Voted that the Town Treasury be directed to pay the Execution that Gin.<sup>l</sup> Ebenezar Mattoon hath against the Town out of Monies in his hands.

Voted to Rais Twenty Pounds to Replace the monies ordered out of the Treasury to pay Gen.<sup>l</sup> Ebezar Mattoon.<sup>s</sup> Execution and that the monies be Assesst in the Next Town Rate—

Attest

EBENEZAR BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of Amherst October 6<sup>th</sup> 1794. Voted Coll Zebina Montague Moderator

Voted that the Selectmen for the time being, be a Committey to Preambulate the lines between this and the Neighbouring Towns and Cause a Map of the Town of Amherst to be made and returned into the .Secretareyes Office—Persuant to a Resolve of the General Court Passed June 26—1794—

ZEBINA MONTAGUE Moderator—

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the Town of Amherst Nov.<sup>r</sup> 3 1794 their Votes for Representatives were as follows (viz) for Samuel Lyman Esq 29. Ebenezar Mattoon Esq 27

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the first Parish Meeting house on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of Novem<sup>r</sup> in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred & ninety four, at one of the Clock in ye afternoon: Voted as follows—(viz)—

Voted Coll Zebina Montague Moderator—

Voted to Procure Seventy Two Cords of wood for the Schools in Amherst the Currant year and that the South East District have fourteen Cords of wood. the Southwest District have Ten and the other four Districts have Twelve Cords Each, and that the wood be of a good Quality and of a Sentiable seise for the School houses—

Voted to allow four Shillings P<sup>r</sup> Cord for School wood—

Voted to Rais fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings to Pay for School Wood the Currant year—

Voted that the Assessors be Impowered to Asses the above granted monies and Put it in the next Town rate—

Voted that the Selectmen Procure wood for the Schools the Currant year—

ZEBINA MONTAGUE Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the first Parish Meeting house in Said Amherst on Thirsday the Twenty fifth day of Decemb.<sup>r</sup> in the year of our lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and ninety four

Voted De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith Moderator—

Voted Coll Zebina Montague Clerk Pro Tempore

Voted to Receive no bills for School wood—but that the Selectmen be directed



to give orders to the Individuals that furnish the wood at the Price Voted Nov<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1794—

Voted to Pais the Bills as they have been red and Corrected—

Voted to adjourn this Meeting for the Space of one hour and then meet at this Place

The Town being met at time and place according to the adjournment: Voted as follows—(viz)—

Voted to Rais Thirtey Pounds to Procure the Town a Stock of Powder and other things required by Law—

Voted that the Selectmen Procure the Town a Stock of powder and other things that the law directs as soon as may be

Voted that Gene,<sup>l</sup> Ebenezar Mattoon Reporte to the grand Jury at their next meeting the Votes of the Town relative to Procuring a Stock of powder &c—

Voted to allow for Plank provided for bridges as follows (viz) for 2½ Inch Plank 8-0 for 2 Inch Plank 7-0 & for 1½ Inch Plank 5-0 Pr Hundred

Voted to divide the Seventy two Pounds raised for Schooling laist Spring Into Six Equal Parts—

Voted to allow the South-East District School one month Schooling more than the averidge Term of Schooling in Town—

Voted to rais three Pounds Eighteen Shillings to furnish the South-East District with the month Schooling Voted above

Voted to rais money to Pay the Bills that have been allowed this Meeting—

Voted to rais Eighteen Pounds to defray the Towns Expençe in two Law sutes (viz) one against Ebenezar Mattoon jr Esq and the other against Elijah Baker—

Voted that the surveyers bring in their bills to the Assessors of all the worke that Individuals have dun more than their rates—

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Assess the above granted monies—

ELISHA SMITH Moderator—

The Minutes of a Town road Laid in Amherst Beginning at the County road Near Ebenezar Eastmans, Thence E 2° N 70 rods E 13° N 42 rods E 39° N 20 rods E 4° N 62 rods E 13° N 40 rods E 1° 26 rods into the County road N on Mr Cushmans—Then Beginning on the above Said Road and Running S 38° E 54 rods S 15° W 17 rods E 20° S 14 rods to Marshes Mill, then S 35° E 16 rods S 39° E 15 rods E 42° S 18 rods E.—16 rods E 23° S 12 rods E. 44° S 12 rods S 8° E 8 rods to the County road leading from Hadley to Shutesbury

Minutes taken Nov<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>—1794—Pr<sup>r</sup> order of the Selectmen

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| ZEBINA MONTAGUE  | } Selectmen |
| MEDAD DICKINSON  |             |
| ELIJAH DICKINSON |             |

Amherst March 12 1795—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the Preprietary School-house in Amherst on Friday the Second day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety five at two of the Clock in the afternoon—Voted as follows—(viz)

Voted Coll. Zebina Montague Moderator of Said Meeting

Voted that it is the opinion of this Town, that the annexing of any Part of Belcherstown to Amherst would be detrimental to the Interest of the Town of Amherst—



Voted that it Shall be the duty of the Representative of this Town in the General Court, to use all his influence, in opposing any Petition which may be Presented to the Same Court in behalf of any Inheabitants of Said Belchers Town Praying to have any of the Lands or Inheabitants of Said Belcherstown annexed to Amherst and that he be & hereby is Instructed to use his Influence accordingly—

Voted that the Town Clerk be directed Immediately to deliver to Ebenezar Mattoon Esq Representative of the Town an Attested Copy of this and the two Preceeding Votes —

ZEBINA MONTAGUE Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Qualified according to the Constitution to Vote for Goviner Leut Goviner and Senators on the Sixth day of April 1795—(viz)—Votes for Governors as follows—

Hon,<sup>l</sup> Samuel Adams Seventy one

Hon Samuel Philips one

Hon Nath<sup>l</sup> Gorham three

Hon Moses Gill one

For Leut, governor

Hon,<sup>l</sup> Moses Gill Seventy two

Hon Nathaniel Gorham one

John Eastman two

Thomas Dwight one

For Senitors as follows—

Mr Thomas Dwight fifty Six

Ebenezer Mattoon Esq fifty one

Samuel Fowler Esq fifty Eight

William Shepherd Seventy Six

Hon,<sup>l</sup> David Sexton Seventy four

William Billings Esq forty five

Hon,<sup>l</sup> John Heastings Sixty nine

Samuel Henshaw Esq fifteen

Simeon Strong Esq Eight

John Bliss one

Att a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the Propriators School-House in Amherst on Monday the Sixth day of April 1795 at nine of the Clock in the morning—Voted as follows—(viz)

Voted Coll Zebina Montague Moderator of S<sup>t</sup><sup>l</sup> Meeting

Voted to adjourn to the First Parish Meeting house

Voted Seth Coleman Town Clerk—

Voted Seth Coleman Treasurer—

Voted Coll Zebina Montague, Noah Smith, De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, Capt Ebenezar Boltwood, Capt Jonathan Dickinson Selectmen

Voted De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, Sworn Capt Ebenezar Boltwood, & Noah Smith Sworn Assessors, —

Voted Levi Cowles, qualified and Ezekiel Dickinson Constables

Voted L<sup>t</sup> John Ingram, Asa Newil, Elisha Dickinson, Jerub White, Judah Dickinson Joseph Kellogg, and William Boltwood, Surveyers of Highways—

Voted Justus Clark qualified Stephen Dickinson, L<sup>t</sup> John Ingram, Elijah Baker jnr and Asa Dickinson Teything men





- Voted L<sup>t</sup> Timothy Handerson, & Martin Kellogg fens vewers
  - Voted De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith and Georg Williamson Sealer of leather
  - Voted Stephen Fish & David Blotchet jnr Packer of beefe and Porke
  - Voted Joseph Church and Stoughton Dickinson Surveyer of Lumber
  - Voted Silas Wright, David Goodale, Stephen Smith, Eli Parker jr, Ebenezar Ingram & William Moody Hog reives—
  - Voted Calvin Merrill Pound Keeper—
  - Voted to Adjourn this Meeting for one hour & then Meet at this Place—
  - Voted to Rais one Hundred Pounds to repare the Highways this year
  - Voted to allow three Shillings P<sup>r</sup> day for Highway worke till the first of September and one Shilling & Six pence the rest of y<sup>e</sup> year
  - Voted to adjourn this meeting for one half hour and then meet at this Place—
  - Voted that the Assessors make the Highway rate by the Laist list
  - Voted to rais one Hundred Pounds to Pay School Masters and Procure fine wood for the Schools—
  - Voted that the Assessors be Impowered to Assess the above granted monies—
  - Voted that the Selectmen Procure the wood for Schooling as Cheap as maybe.
- ZEBINA MONTAGUE Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden on Monday the Sixth day of May A. D. 1795 at the First Parish Meeting-house at three of the Clock P. M. Voted as follows (viz)

- Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood Moderator—
- Voted to Choose a Committee of three, to make answer to the Citation from the general Court, respecting the Petition of Sundrey Persons in Belchers-Town, praying to be annexed to this Town.
- Voted Simeon Strong Esq, Coll Zebina Montague & De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, be the Committee above—
- Voted that the Towns Representative, be Instructed to Present the Committees answer, to the Petition of Sundrey Inhabitants of Belcherstown praying to be annexed to this Town.
- Voted that the Selectmen Provide a Standard of Weights and measures according as the Law Directs, upon the Towns Expençe—
- Voted to Choose a Committee of three, to Vew the ground Petitioned for by Capt Jonathan Dickinson, and Stoughton Dickinson, and if they judge it Expedient for the Town to Sel the Same, to the Said Jonathan & Stoughton, then to appraise Said land and make reporte to sum futer Meeting—
- Voted that Capt Eli Parker De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith & Seth Breyant be the Committee above.

Attest

EBENEZAR BOLTWOOD Moderator

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Honeriable the Court of General Sessions of the peace. Holden at Northampton in and for the County of Hampshire, on the Third Tuesday of May A. D. 1792 for surveying the County Roads heretofore Laid out in the Town of Amherst, and making Such alterations and Amendments therein as Shall be judged Advantageous to the Inheabitants and the Publick—after being Duly Sworn to the faithfull Performance of Said Service have Surveyed and laid Said Road as follows (viz)—



The Cours of the Road through Amherst Leading from Hadley to Pelham—

Begining at a Stake and Stones the north Side of the Highway in the west Line of Amherst, and runing from thence East  $6^{\circ}$  north 90 Rods. to a white Oak tree marked H W, then East  $8^{\circ}$  North 26 Rods to a Stake and Stons, then East  $27^{\circ}$   $30''$  north 26 Rods to a Poste in Dav<sup>d</sup> Cutlers door yard, then East  $11^{\circ}$  north 29 Rods to a poste in Dav<sup>d</sup> Cutlers fence, then East  $2^{\circ}$ — $30''$  north 46 Rods to a Stake and Stons the west Side of the County road runing North and South.—

Then Beginning one rod & 22 links South of the South-East Corner of Capt Ebenezar Boltwoods Shop and runing from thence, East  $12^{\circ}$   $30''$  north  $16\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a Stake & Stons then East  $16^{\circ}$ —north 30 rods to a Stake and Stons, then East  $24^{\circ}$  South  $15\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a Stake and Stons, then East  $24^{\circ}$   $20''$ , South 9-5ft to a Stake and Stons then East  $3^{\circ}$ — $30''$  South 18 rods to a Stake and Stons at the South East Corner of Capt Ashleys Door yard—then East  $12^{\circ}$  North 18 rods to a Stake and Stons. then East  $24^{\circ}$   $30''$  South 99 rods to a Stake and Stons. then East  $3^{\circ}$ —north 20 rods to a Stake and Stons, then East  $2^{\circ}$  South 40 rods to Stake and Stons. then East  $29^{\circ}$   $30''$  north 20 rods to a Stake and Stons. then East  $11^{\circ}$ —north 19 rods to the Southwest Corner of Perez Dickinsons Shop the road to be Six rods wide to the End of this Cours then East  $9^{\circ}$  north  $12\frac{1}{2}$  rods, this Cours Crosses the County road runing north & South—then East  $35^{\circ}$   $30''$  north to a Stake and Stons, then East  $8^{\circ}$ —South 122 rods the three Last Courses the Road to be but two rods wide—then East  $9^{\circ}$ —South  $9\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a black oak Staddle—

then East  $4^{\circ}$   $30''$  South 126 rods to a Small Pine Staddle—then East  $25^{\circ}$  north 18 rods to Pelham Line the three last Courses the Road to be 4 rods wide—The Courses of the Highway from the Bay road north weard in the west Street Beginning at a Stake and Stons, the north Side of the bay Road Standing South  $31^{\circ}$  west  $4\frac{1}{2}$  Rods from the South East Corner of Daniel Churches House and runing from thence

North  $33^{\circ}$   $30''$  East 46 Rods to a Stake and Stons the west Side of the road

then north  $10^{\circ}$   $30''$ , East 109 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $8^{\circ}$  East 35 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $11^{\circ}$  East 146 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $15^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 34 rods to the Corner of the School house

then north  $37^{\circ}$   $30''$  East 48 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $24^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 53 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $10^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 42 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $7^{\circ}$ —west 42 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $3^{\circ}$ —East 14 rods to a white oak tree before James Merricks door

then north  $6^{\circ}$ —East  $49\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a Stake and Stons

then north  $16^{\circ}$   $30''$ , East 38 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $5^{\circ}$   $30''$  East 50 rods to a Stake and Stons ten feet East of the north East Corner of De<sup>n</sup> Eleazar Smiths<sup>s</sup> House—

then north  $13^{\circ}$   $30''$  west 27 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north — — — 21 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $6^{\circ}$  — $30''$  East 60 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $40^{\circ}$ —west 12 rods to a Stake and Stons this Cours Crosses Fort river

then north  $5^{\circ}$ —East 133 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $5^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 36 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $10^{\circ}$ —East 180 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $3^{\circ}$ —west 37 rods to a Stake and Stons.



then north  $5^{\circ}$ —East 48 rods to where the Stake known by the name of the Hartlin Stake Stood, about one rod East of the North-East Corner, of Leu.<sup>1</sup> Gideon Parson,<sup>s</sup> House—then north  $1^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 51 rods to the South East Corner post of Capt Ebenezar Boltwoods Door yard—

then north  $10^{\circ}$ —East  $23\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $25^{\circ}$ —East 20 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $10^{\circ}$ — $20''$  East 82 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $41^{\circ}$ —East 22 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $17^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 80 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $15^{\circ}$ —East 21 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north—40 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $13^{\circ}$ —East 25 rods to a Stake and Stons

then north  $22^{\circ}$ —East 46 rods to a Stake and Stons Six rods west of the Corner of Ebenezar Dickinson,<sup>s</sup> barn then north  $13^{\circ}$ —East 58 Rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $2^{\circ}$ — $30''$  West 68 rods to a Stake and Stons the middle of the road at, the End of this Cours is at a large Chesnut Stub. then north  $12^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 212 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then north  $16^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East  $83\frac{1}{2}$  rods to the County Road as formally Laid Leading to Pecks Mill: the afore mentioned Stakes and monuments all Set the west Side of the Highway and marked H W the road to be Six rods wide

The Courses of the Highway in the East Street in Amherst, beginning at a Stake and Stons in the County Road as formerly laid in the north Line of the East Division and runing from thence South  $10^{\circ}$ —East 38 rods to a Stake & Stons the East Side of the Road

then South  $15^{\circ}$  west 12 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $36^{\circ}$ —west 8 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $40^{\circ}$ —west 14 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $11^{\circ}$ —west  $120\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $8^{\circ}$ — $30''$  west  $29\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $13^{\circ}$ — $30''$  west 96 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $9^{\circ}$ — $30''$  West 29 rods to a Stake and Stons

then South  $13^{\circ}$ —West 21 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $18^{\circ}$ — $30''$  West 36 rods.

then South  $16^{\circ}$ —west 33 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $15^{\circ}$   $30''$  West 27 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $7^{\circ}$ — $30''$  West 78 rods to a Stake and Stons

then South  $14^{\circ}$ — $30''$  west  $60\frac{1}{2}$  rods, the middle of the Road at the End of this Cours is at Mr Fosters Sign Post.—

then South  $14^{\circ}$ —west 275 rods to the middle of the road leading to Logtown—

then South  $10^{\circ}$ —west 138 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $4^{\circ}$ —west 61 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $2^{\circ}$ —west 78 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $5^{\circ}$ —west 96 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then South  $9^{\circ}$ —west  $47\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a Stake and Stons three rods north west of the Corner of L.<sup>1</sup> Elijah Hastings House—this Road to be Six rods wide Except against Esq Strongs lot north of Capt Parkers, and against, Jonathan Dickinsons & then to be but five rods wide—

the Cours of the Road from De<sup>n</sup> Eleazar Smiths across the middle Division in Amherst, beginning at a Stake and Stons near De<sup>n</sup> Smith,<sup>s</sup> and runing from



thence—East  $43^{\circ}$ —South  $28\frac{1}{2}$  rods to the north East Corner of Martin Kelloggs barn—

Then East  $45^{\circ}$ —South 28 rods to a Stake and Stons.  
 then East  $26^{\circ}$ — $30''$  South 57 rods to a Stake and Stons.  
 then East  $21^{\circ}$  South 28 rods to a Stake and Stons  
 then East  $35^{\circ}$ —South 41 rods to a Stake and Stons.  
 then South  $22^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 88 rods to a Stake and Stons.  
 then South  $11^{\circ}$ —East 21 rods to a Stake and Stons.  
 then South  $31^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 19 rods to a Stake and Stons  
 then East  $43^{\circ}$ —South 49 rods to a Stake and Stons the north Side of the County road Leading to Belcher one rod and Eleven links from the north East Corner of Mr Timothy Allens House, this Roade to be three rods wide.—

The Alteration of the County road at the north End of Amherst Leading to Shutesbury, beginning at a Stake and Stones westward of Adams's barn and running from thence South  $45^{\circ}$ —East 40 rods to a Stake and Stons, then East  $37^{\circ}$ —South 14 rods in to the County Road Leading Pelham to Leveret.—

The Committee Estimate the Damages by altering S,<sup>1</sup> road to Capt Jonathan Dickinsons at £5—0—0 the Damages to Lemuel Moody £0—15—0 Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1793—  
 A true Coppy of the Return by the Com<sup>tee</sup> of the afore mentioned Roads Errors Excepted—

Atte JUSTUS DWIGHT—

The Cours of the West Street in Amherst Begining at a heap of Stons  $8\frac{1}{2}$  rods East  $43^{\circ}$  South from the North East corner of Daniel Churches House and from thence as follows—

North  $38^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 44 rods then North  $9^{\circ}$ —East 16 rods to a Stake then North  $14^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 24 rods; then North  $1^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 40 rods to a Stake then North  $20^{\circ}$ —East 34 rods; then North  $2^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 18 rods, then, North  $1^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 10 rods; then North  $13^{\circ}$  East 160 rods, then North  $40^{\circ}$ —East 30 rods; then North  $38^{\circ}$ — $45''$  East 24 rods; then North  $34^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 21 rods North  $18^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 20 rods, North  $14^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 42 rods. North  $4^{\circ}$ —west 26 rods North  $12^{\circ}$ —West 10 rods to a Stake two feet north of a brook corner of Colemans Lot—North—41 rods to a Stake markt H W North  $15''$  East 19 rods to the North west Corner of Moodys Lot North  $9^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 21 rods to a Stake North  $20^{\circ}$ —East 27 rods to the South west Corner of Enos Dickinson

North  $7^{\circ}$ —East 40 rods to the County road then beginning at a Stake and Stons the South west Corner of Justus Williams and from thence

North  $14^{\circ}$ — $45''$  west 32 rods to the Northwest Corners of Williams Lot. then North  $4^{\circ}$ — $45''$  East 19 rods to a Stake and Stons. Kelloggs Corner from Martin Kelloggs South West Corner to the Steple of the Meeting House is north  $6^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East.—

then North  $7^{\circ}$ — $20''$  East 52 rods to the Cross road then begining at a Stake and Stons the South west Corner of Smith,<sup>s</sup> Lot,—from thence north  $5^{\circ}$  East 48 rods to the North west Corner of Smiths Lot—

then North  $5^{\circ}$  East  $30\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a Stake

then North  $6^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East  $19\frac{1}{2}$  rods to the north west Corner of Boltwoods Lot then begining at the South west Corner of Jonathan Smiths Lot by Nashes Lane & running from thence

North  $13^{\circ}$  East 39 rods to the North west Corner of Smiths Lot then North  $19^{\circ}$  East  $54\frac{1}{2}$  rods to Ens. Nashes North west Corner—





Then begining at a Stake the Southwest Corner of Daniel Kelloggs Lot and runing from thence

North  $9^{\circ}$ — $30'$  East 52 rods to a Stake and Stons markt H W

then North  $14^{\circ}$  East 17 rods to a Stake and Stons in Kelloggs Pasture

then North  $44^{\circ}$   $15''$  East 15 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then North  $32^{\circ}$  East  $8\frac{3}{4}$  to a Stake & Stons Dav<sup>d</sup> Colemans Corner

then North  $19^{\circ}$  East 20 rods to a Stake & Stons Colemans Northwest Corner.

then North  $18^{\circ}$   $30''$  East 2 rods to a Stake & Stons Mr Strongs North west Corner

then North  $15^{\circ}$  East 34 rods to the North west Corner of Jonathan Fields at the Cross road. the Courses from the Bay road to this Place was taken the East Side of the Street; and from the South East Corner of Mr. Parson.s Lot to the North End, was taken the west Side; from the South East Corner of Mr Parsons Lot

North  $11^{\circ}$ —East 35 rods to a Stake and Stons the North East corner of Mr Parson.s Lot

then North  $3^{\circ}$  East 32 rods to Stake and Stones the North East Corner of L<sup>d</sup> Fields Lot

then North  $9^{\circ}$ ,  $45''$  East 47 rods to a Stake and Stons then North  $35^{\circ}$ — $40''$  East 23 rods to a Stake and Stons then north  $13^{\circ}$  East 50 rods to a Stake & Stons then north  $3^{\circ}$ — $20''$  18 rods to a Stake and Stons then  $3^{\circ}$  west 32 rods to a Stake and Stons the North East Corner of Mr Joseph Churches at the Cross road—then from a Stake and Stones the South East Corner of John Eastmans Lot north  $4^{\circ}$ — $30''$  west 18 rod to a Stake & Stons then North  $13^{\circ}$  East 46 rods to a Stake and Stons south East Corner of Eastmans—then north  $14^{\circ}$ —East 55 rods to a Stake and Stons north East Corner of Esq Dickinsons—

then north  $13^{\circ}$   $30''$  East 76 rods to a Stake and Stons north Corner of Bakers—

then North  $14^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 51 rods to a Stake and Stons the north East Corner of John Ingram 2<sup>d</sup>

The Cours of the East Street from the Bay Road north, Begining at a Stake and Stons at the bay road and runing north  $11^{\circ}$ — East 19 rods to a black oak with Stons by it—then north  $25^{\circ}$  East 17 rods then North  $20^{\circ}$ —East 15 rods to a Stake by the bridge then North  $14^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 22 rods—

then North  $6^{\circ}$ —East 50 rods to a Stake and Stons.

then North  $9^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 43 rods to a black oake by Warners

then North  $14^{\circ}$  East 35 rods to a Stake

then North  $7^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 129 rods to a Stake

then North  $10^{\circ}$ — $40''$  East 29 rods to a Stake.

then North  $6^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 90 rods to a Stake and Stons the north west Corner of Stoughton Dickinsons lot.—

Then begining where the west Line of the East Division Cross the County road below Ens Elijah Hastings house, and runing from thence—

North  $11^{\circ}$  west 30 rods to a Stake against the Corner of Hastings House then North  $10^{\circ}$ — $30''$  East 52 rods to the South west Corner of Stephen Smiths

then North  $7^{\circ}$  East 52 rods to the Southwest Corner of Reuben Nashes

then North  $6^{\circ}$  East 99 rods—then north  $6^{\circ}$ — $40''$  west 11 rods—

Then begining at a Stake and Stons in Capt Riches East Line & runs from thence north  $17^{\circ}$ — $40''$  East 47 rods to a Stake the North East Corner of Cap<sup>t</sup> Riches north  $15^{\circ}$ — $40''$  East 65 rods to a Stake the North East Corner of Jon<sup>s</sup> Smiths north  $15^{\circ}$ — $40''$  East 35 rods to Philip Edwards tan house



Then begining at the North East Corner of Perez Dickinsons Shop and running from thence north  $25^{\circ}-30''$  East 42 rods to a post the Corner of Daniel Kelloggs north  $13^{\circ}-40''$  East 11 rods to Kelloggs gate post.

north  $7^{\circ}-30''$  East  $7\frac{1}{2}$  rods to the Corner of Kelloggs

north  $15^{\circ}-30''$  East 27 rods to a Stake and Stons the Corner of Jonathan Dickinsons Lot

north. 16 East 33 rods to Capt Parker South East Dore yard post

north  $18^{\circ} 30''$  East 36 rods to a Stake and Stons the North East Corner of Esq Strongss Lot.

Then begining at a Stake and Stons the South East Corner of Elisha Dickinsons Lot and runing from thence north  $13^{\circ}$  East 24 rods to a Stake and Stons.

north  $8^{\circ} 30''$  East 20 rods to Stake and Stons.

north  $14^{\circ} 30''$  East 30 rods to a Stake and Stons.

North  $15^{\circ}-30''$  East 30 rods to a Stake and Stons, the North East Corner of Elisha Dickinsons

north  $7^{\circ} 30''$  East 58 rods to a white pine the North East Corner of Jonathan Smiths

north  $7^{\circ} 30''$  East to a Stake and Stons north East of Eastmans

the Courses from Capt Riches to this Place were taken the West Side of the Street -

Then begining at a Stake and Stons the South west Corner of Zachariah Hawleys and runing from thence. north  $13^{\circ} 15''$  East 32 rods to a Stake and Stons the north west Corner of Hawleys lot.

north  $13^{\circ}-15''$  East 17 rods to a Stake and Stons--

North  $37^{\circ} 30''$  East 16 rods to a black oak Staddle the north west Corner of De<sup>n</sup> Edwards Lot.

The Cours of the Cross road north of Capt Parkers Begining at a Stake and Stons, the north East Corner of Esq Strongss Lot and runing from thence

West  $23^{\circ}$ --north 58 rods to a Stake and Stons,

West  $9^{\circ}$  north 169 rods to a Stake and Stons the north west corner of Mr Strongss

then West  $17^{\circ}$  north  $21\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a white oak--

West  $14^{\circ}$  north 32 rods to a Chestnut.

West  $18^{\circ}$  north 18 rods to a Chestnut.

West  $3^{\circ}$  north 18 rods to a Poplar.

West  $30^{\circ}$  South 10 rods to a White oake

West  $10^{\circ}$  north 39 rods to a white oake, the north west Corner of Jonathan Fields--

The Cours of the road from Mr Boltwoods Shop to the East Meeting House begining at a Stake and Ston at the Corner of the board fence by Mr Boltwoods Shop and runing from thence.

East 12 - 20'' north 17 rods to a Stake and Stons South East Corner of Mr Strongss East  $16^{\circ}$  North 30 rods to a Stake and Stons East  $24^{\circ}$  South  $15\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a Stake and Stons by the lane that leads to the Pound

Then from a Stake and Stons the South West Corner of Mr Daniels--

East  $24^{\circ}-20''$  South 9 rods 5 feet To a Stake and Stons

East  $5^{\circ}-30''$  South 18 rods to a Stake & Stons the South East Corner of Mr Mc Daniels Doeryard.

East  $12^{\circ}$ --north 20 rods to a Stake & Stons South East Corner of Mr Mc Daniels



East  $14^{\circ}$ — $30''$  South 103 rods to a Stake and Stons  
 East  $3^{\circ}$  north 18 rods to a Stake and Stons.  
 East  $2^{\circ}$ —South 40 rods—East  $29^{\circ}$ — $30''$  north 20 rods  
 East  $11^{\circ}$ —north 19 rods to the South West Corner of Perez Dickinsons Shop.  
 The Cours of the Road from Hadley line to Mr Gideon Parson,s  
 Begining at a Stake in Hadley line and runing from thence  
 East  $6^{\circ}$ — $20''$  north 105 rods—East  $13^{\circ}$ — $30''$  north 30 rods  
 East  $18^{\circ}$ —north 29 rods—East  $14^{\circ}$ —north 18 rods  
 East  $0^{\circ}$ — $30''$  north 51 rods to the Street,—  
 The Cours of the Cross Road through the Middle Division by John Lees.  
 Begining at a Stake at the East End of the road and runing from thence  
 West  $4^{\circ}$   $30''$  north 93 rods to a Stake in Lees field  
 West  $23^{\circ}$ —north 18 rods to a Stake.  
 West  $1^{\circ}$ — $20''$  South 32 rods to a Stake.  
 West  $6^{\circ}$ — $30''$  north 154 rods to the west Street.  
 N. B. the Stake and other bounds mentioned in these return are marked H W—  
 The Within Mentioned Courses and Distances were taken in 1787: 1788 &  
 1789 by Justus Dwight Surveyor

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the First Parish Meeting house on Wednesday the ninth day of September 1795

Voted Zebina Montague Moderator—

Voted to Desire the Selectmen to Stop any Further Provision for the Supporte of Edward Allin—as it is the Opinion of the Meeting he is not an Inhabitant of Amherst Extract from the Proceedings

#### Z. MONTAGUE Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the first Parish Meeting House, on Monday the Fourteenth day of December, Seventeen Hundred and Ninety five, at Nine of the Clock in the Morning.—

Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Coll Zebina Montague Moderator

Voted to accept and grant the Bills as they have been red and Corrected

Voted to Raise Ten Dollars to Defray the Expence of Sundrey guy Posts—and also Ten Dollars to replace the money Drawn out of the Treasury for the support of Edward Allin.—

Voted to allow 8 s for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Inch Plank and 7 s for 2 Inch Plank and 5 s for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Inch Plank, Provided for Bridges the Insuing year—

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Vew and Appraise a Bit of Land Petitioned for by Joseph Church against the Front of his lot, and make Reporte to sum futer Meeting

Voted that Capt Moses Hastings, Majr Elijah Dickinson, and L<sup>t</sup> Timothy Handerson, be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Town of Amherst to Vew and Appraise a piece of Land at the East End of the Farm on which Capt Jonathan Dickinson now Lives: Met on the business of our appointments on the Eleventh of May Seventeen Hundred and ninety five—and after Vewing the Situation of the Highway agreed, that the Said Capt Dickinson might have a piece of land of the following Disscription (viz) begining at the South Side of Capt Dickinsons Barn yard: Extending two Rods in wedth and runing to the North Side of Said farm, being about Sixty Rods, to one rod in wedth Containing ninety rods of ground, and apprised the Same at three Pound Seven Shillings and Six Pence—



Also a Piece of Land at the North End of the lot on which Stoughton Dickinson now lives, and begining at the North West Corner of Said Lot, thence runing North two Rods and half, thence east Six Rods. thence South two rods and half. to the Said Dickinsons lot, Containing fifteen rods of ground, and Appraised the Same at fifteen Shillings—

ELI PARKER }  
SETH BRYANT } Committee  
ELISHA SMITH }

Amherst May 11, 1795--

Decemb<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>—1795 Voted to Accept the above Report ; and grant the above Described bits of Land to Jonathan Dickinson and Stoughton Dickinson, on Condition, that they Either Pay or Give Security with a bondsman for the Sums at which the Several Bits of land are appraised by the above Com<sup>tee</sup>

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Asses the above grainted monies

Voted to Accept of the Lists of Jurors as they have been Exhibited by the Selectmen.

Attest ZEBINA MONTAGUE Moderator

Marriges Solemnized by the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Parsons from May 1793 to May 1795.

Moses Nash & Salome Lewis } these Persons were Married in the year  
Luke Rich & Jerusha Hastings } 1792 but omitted in the Records—

1793

Feb<sup>r</sup> 10 Phinehas Stevens and Mary Wells.—

March 5 Samuel Marsh and Martha Edwards.

29 Andrew Hide and Mary Morton.

July 3 Moses Billings and Sally Field.—(Mary Field)

Nov<sup>r</sup> 25 Enos Baker and Dorothey Smith.

1795

Jan<sup>r</sup>. 16 Nathaniel Edwards and Polley Pomeroy.

30 Noah Gould and Marey Williams.

Sept 10 Seth Montague So Hadley and Rachel Smith.

Oct<sup>r</sup> 26 Justus Clark and Dorcas Pomeroy.

27 Elijah Smith and Pattey Burt

Nov<sup>r</sup> 6 Jonathan Smith and Hannah Dickinson

20 Moses Smith and Tamer Pettes.

20 Abia Southworth and Kezia Boltwood.

1796

Jan<sup>r</sup>. 22<sup>d</sup> Enoch Bangs and Azubah Dickinson

Feb<sup>r</sup> 14 Elijah Hubbard and Abi Lewis.

April 6 Eleazar Nash and Abigail Brown.

23 Simeon Clark Jr. and Irena Lewis.

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Qualified according to the Constitution to Vote for Goviner Leutenant Goviner & Cenitors Voted as follows—(viz) For Governor—April 4<sup>th</sup> 1798

Hon. Increas Sumner. Eighty one

Hon John Adams— one—

Hon Samuel Adams—Twenty two—

Hon. Moses Gill —one

For Leu<sup>t</sup> Governor—

Hon Moses Gill Ninety one

Jarub White—four





For Senator as follows—

John Hastings Esq—Eightey five  
 Wm Shephard Esq—Sixtey nine  
 Thomas Dwight—Seventy three  
 Hugh McClellen Esq one  
 David Smeed Esq—one  
 Ebenezar Mattoon Esq—Sixtey Nine  
 John Williams Esq. Fiftey four  
 Samuel Fowler Esq—Seventeen  
 Justin Ely Esq—four  
 David Sexton Esq—Thirtey two  
 Solomon Stoddard Esq—Thirteen  
 Simeon Strong Esq—three  
 Jonathan Dwight—three  
 Samuel Hanshaw Esq—one—

Attest

SETH COLEMAN Town Clerk—

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1796 Stoughton Dickinson gave Security for a bit of Land North of his house with a bondsman agreeable to a Vote of the Town in December 14<sup>th</sup> 1795

Test

SETH COLEMAN Town Clerk

August 21; 1794 Capt Jonathan Dickinson Paid Eleven Dollars and twenty five Cents agreeable to a Vote of the Town in December 14<sup>th</sup> 1795

Test

SETH COLEMAN Town Clark—

Att a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst on Monday the fourth day of April 1796. Holden at the First Parish Meeting House—Voted as Follows—(viz)—

Voted De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith Moderator.

Voted Seth Coleman Clerk & Treasurer—

Voted Col Zebina Montague, Den Medad Dickinson, Noah Smith, De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, & Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Dickinson, Selectmen

Voted De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith qualified De<sup>n</sup> Medad Dickinson & Noah Smith qualified Assessors—

Voted Benjamin Smith, & David Smith Jnr Constables—

Voted William Boltwood, Constable in the room of Benjamin Smith

Voted John Dickinson, Steven Smith, Aaron Merrick, Seth Bryant, David Watson, Azeriah Dickinson Surveyers of Highways

Voted Giles Church, & William Philemore, Surveyers and Measurers of bords, Plank, Timber, Slitworke, Shingles, Clapbords, and Cullers of Staves and Hoops—

Voted William Boltwood, & Timothey Handerson fens Vewers.—

Voted Ezekiel Dickinson, Reuben Smith, Asa Dickinson, & David Blotchet Jnr Teythingmen.

Voted Capt Jorge Williamson & Joseph Blayer Sealers of Leather

Voted David Cows juns Sworn William Boltwood, Zery Green, L<sup>t</sup> Joseph Robbins, Asa Newel, & John Kellogg Sworn Hogreeves.

Voted Calvin Merrill Pound Keeper—

Voted to allow Sixty Seven, Cents P<sup>er</sup> Day, for Highway worke till ye first of September; and thirtey four Cents the rest of the year.

Voted to rais four Hundred Dollars to repair the Highways this year—

Voted to rais three hundred and thirtey three Dollers and thirtey four Cents for Schooling this year.—

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Asses the above granted Monies



Voted that the Highway rate be made by the Laist list.—

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Investigate the East Middle School District, and the South East District, & determin as to the Expediency of Making any alterations in the Dimentions of Said Districts, & Prefix the Limits of Each, and also the Expediency of bulding one or more School Houses, and to Prefix the Place of Said House, or Houses add their Dimentions, and the above Committee is to Inspect the North-west Schoo— House and Determin wheather it be best to Reprove Said House or Buld a New one; and to make reporte to Next May Meeting of their whole Doings—

Voted that the Selectmen take Edward Allin into their Care and that they support him in the Cheapest manner that they Can for the Town

Voted to abate to Winslow Gaffit his rate in the hand of John Dickinson (viz) State Rate 1-8. Town Rate 3-8

Voted that the Selectmen give Isaac Robbins an order for 3-3 it being a Rate Put Into his hands against Nath<sup>l</sup> Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup>

Voted to accept a Reporte of a Committee which is as follows (viz)

We the Subscriber being appointed as a Committee to Vew and appraise a Pice of Land at the frunt of Joseph Churches lot, begining at a Stake and Stones at the west Side of the County Roade Near the House of Joseph Church Jnr, then runing forty four Rods north to a Stake and Stones near Dav<sup>d</sup> Dickinsons Barn and in Weadth two Rods and a half, which Contains one Hundred and Ten Rods of ground, which we apprise at the Rate of Sixteen Dollars Sixty Seven Cents Per Acre—

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| MOSES HASTINGS     | } | Com <sup>tes</sup> |
| ELIJAH DICKINSON   |   |                    |
| TIMOTHEY HANDERSON |   |                    |

Attest ELISHA SMITH Moderator

April 21, 1796. Then Joseph Church Paid Into the Treasury Ten Dollars & Ninety Six Cents the Sum at which the land above was appraised by the Committee and accepted of by the Town—

Test SETH COLEMAN Town Clerk—

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the Town of Amherst appointed on Tuesday the 3 day of May 1796

Voted Ebenezar Mattoon Esq Moderator—

Voted Unanimously to Prefer the Petition Inclosed with a Letter From the foreman of the Grand Jury Directed to the Selectmen of this Town—Which Petition Humbly Requests Congress to Make the Necessary Appropriations for Carying the Treaty with Grate Brittan Into Effect—

E. MATTOON JR Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden on Monday the Ninth day of May 1796 at three of the Clock in the afternoon: Voted as follows—(viz) —

Voted Coll Zebina Montague Moderator—

Voted to abate to the Hears of Baley Allin a rate of 3-8 in the hands of Noadiah Smith, also to the Hears of Amus Nash a Rate of 5-10 x & to Isaac Goodale 2<sup>1</sup> a rate of 4-0<sup>1</sup> x in Said Smith's Hands also 14 0 to Stephen Smith against Amus Nash—

Voted to Build a School-house in the South East District of the Same Dimen-



tions on the ground. of the one that was burnt, and of one Story high with two Chimneys

Voted to Build a School House in the North west District 18 by 25 feet on the Ground, one Story high, with one Chimney, Said house to be Set on the South East Corner of Elijah Elmers home lot.—

Voted to Choose a Committee of five to Build the above Disscribed School houses

Voted that John Dickinson, Stephen Smith, Capt Ebenezar Boltwood, De<sup>r</sup> Elisha Smith, & Major Elijah Dickinson be the Committee above—and that Said Com<sup>tee</sup> get the Houses dun in the Cheapest manner they Can—

Voted to raise three Hundred Dollers to Build the South East School-house—

Voted to rise two Hundred Dollers to Build the North West School-house

Voted to Impower the above Committee to Set the North west District School house to the best advantage for the Town—

ZEBINA MONTAGUE Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the Town of Amherst Nov<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1796, their Votes for Elector for President and Vice President, and also For a Representative to Congress were as follows—(viz)—

For an Elector the Hono<sup>l</sup> Ebenezor Mattoon jr had 51, For Representative to Congress the Hono<sup>l</sup> Samuel Lyman had 55

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the Town of Amherst appointed on Monday the Seventh day of Novem at two of the Clock afternoon A D 1796

Voted De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith Moderator—

Voted to Choose a Committee of Five to Vew the River on Each Side of Clarks mill and Reporte to Next December meeting, whare is the most advantageous Place, for Building a bridge over Said River

Voted De<sup>n</sup> John Billings, Capt Eli Parker, De<sup>n</sup> Eleazar Smith, Martin Kellogg, & Capt Jonathan Dickinson, be the Committee above—

Voted that the Distribution of the School Money in the Several Districts, be Left to the Discretion of the Selectmen.—

Attest

ELISHA SMITH Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting House on Monday the Fifth day of December in the year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Ninety Six, at nine of the Clock in the Morning.

Voted as follows—(viz)—

Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood Moderator—

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Inspect and Correct the bills.

Voted Stephen Smith, Maj<sup>r</sup> Elijah Dickinson, & Capt Eli Parker, be the Committee above.

Voted to allow and grant the bills as they have been red and Corrected.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed on a Late Meeting. to vew the River on Each Side of Clarks mills & determin whare is the most advantageous Place, to Build a bridge over Said River

Voted to build a bridge over the River near Clarks mill, in or near the Place whare the old bridge now Stands—

Voted to Build Said Bridge with a Stone Butment at Each End, & a Pallow in the Center of the bridge—



Voted to Choose a Committee of five to Buld Said Bridge.

Voted Stephen Smith, Maj<sup>r</sup> Elijah Dickinson, Samuel Hastings, Encine Eli Parker, & Noah Smith be the Committee above.

Voted to Raise two Hundred Dollers for the building of Said Bridge

Voted to Rais Thirtey three Dollars and thirtey four Cents for the Support of the Poor of the Town.

Voted to Raise twelve Dollers to Defray the Expence of Sundry guy Posts—

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Asses the above granted monies: and Also Five Hundred Dollers Voted Laist may for the bulding of School Houses.—

Voted that the Assessors date their List from this day.—

Attest EBENEZAR BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the Town of Amherst, Qualified according to the Constitution to Vote for Goviner L<sup>t</sup> Goviner & Cenitors. Voted as follows—(viz) For Govennor

Hon, Increase Sumner—Ninety two.

Hon, Thomas Sullivan—Twenty,

Leutenant Govennor

Hon, Samuel Philips—Five.

Hon, Moses Gill—Seventy Eight,

Hon, Increase Sumner—two

For Senitors as Follows.

Charles Phelps Esq—Fiftey one

Ebenezar Hunt Esq—Eightey one

Thomas Dwight—Eightey four

John Hastings Esq. Eightey three

David Sexton Esq—Seventy—

William Billings Esq. Eighteen—

John Williams Esq—Twelve

Samuel Fowler—Sixteen

April 3<sup>d</sup> 1798—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting house on Monday the Third day of April 1797 at nine of the Clock in the Morning—

Voted as follows—(viz)—

Voted Ebenezar Mattoon Esq Moderator—

Voted Seth Coleman, Clerk, Voted Seth Coleman Treasurer.

Voted Zebina Montague Esq. Maj<sup>r</sup> Medad Dickinson, Maj<sup>r</sup> Elijah Dickinson Capt Ebenezar Boltwood & Capt Moses Hastings, Selectmen—

Voted Major Medad Dickinson, Noah Smith, and Capt Ebenezar Boltwood Assessors—

Voted Olliver Cows jr & Capt Joseph Pettes Constables—

Voted to adjourn for one hour and then meet at this Place—

Voted Samuel Smith, Chester Smith, Stephen Fish, Simeon Dickinson jr, Josiah Warner, & John Dickinson, Surveyers of Highways—

Voted Giles Church, & Joseph Church, Surveyers and Measurers of bords, Plank, timber, Slitwork, Shingle, Claphords, & Cutlers of Staves & hoops—

Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Timothy Handerson, and Capt Jonathan Dickinson Fens Viewers—





Voted Chester Smith, Stephen Smith, Aaron Mearick, Samuel Hastings, & Israel Scot Teything men,

Voted Joseph Blayer, Capt George Williamson Sealer of Leather

Voted Calvin Merrill Pound Keeper—

Voted Samuel Holmes, Eliphalet Adams, Zebina Hawley, David Ingram, Stephen Smith, Stéphen Fish Hog-reives

Voted to Raise three Hundred and thirty three Dollers and thirty three Cents, for Repairing the Highway the year Ensuing.

Voted to allow Sixty Seven Cents P<sup>r</sup> day for worke at the Highway till the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, and thirty Four Cents the rest of the year,

Voted Capt Eli Parker, Joseph Dickinson, & Elijah Dickinson, a Committee to Vew and apprise Som Small Peices of Land to Ebenezar Mattoon Esq: or Joseph Balls and make report at next May Meeting.—

Voted that the Committee appointed to Build the Bridge near Clarks Mill be directed to Build Said Bridge, upon any different Construction, than was proposed by the Town, that may appear to them to be most For the Interest of the Town.—

Voted to Raise three Hundred and thirty three dollers and thirty four Cents for the Support of Schools the year Encyng

Voted that the Selectmen be Instructed to see that the Town does not take any Paupers only what may be real Inheabitants of the Town; and to see that the Town be Put to unnecessary Expençe—

Voted to allow John Williams his Proportion of School money for three years laist paist—

Voted to raise the sum of Eighty Dollers for the support of the Poor of the Town—

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Asses the above granted monies

Voted that the Assessors make the Highway rate by the laist List—

Voted that the Assessors (to Expedite the Taking of the list) Shall Set Ye advertisement in four publick Place, in Boath Parishes Specifying the time & place where they will attend Said Business.

EBENEZAR MATTOON JR Moderator—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting House on Thirsday the Eleventh day of May 1797—

Voted as follows—(viz)

Voted Maj'r Elijah Dickinson Moderator—

Voted to abate to Raley Allins Estate his rate in the hands of Levi Cowl's (viz) 37 Cents x—

Voted to accept the report of a Committee Chosen, to Stake out and apprise a Bit of Land, Petitioned For by Ebenezar Mattoon jr Esq. and graint the Same to Said Ebenezar, he paying thirteen Dollers for Said Land—wich report is as follows —(viz)—the Committee appointed upon the Petition of Ebenezar Mattoon jr Esq to apprise & Set of a pice of Land at the East End of the Lot upon which his Father now Lives, have attended the Service; and report that we have Staked out a pice of Land Petitioned for, in the following form—

Begining at the North End at a point in the fence then runing Southerly Sixteen rods to a Stake and Stones then Continuing Southerly nine rods two rods wide—

then the Same point thirteen rods and half, Seven rods and half wide to the South End of Bolles, house—Continuing Southerley Six Rods—Eight rods and



half wide—Continuing Southerly Twelve rods Eight rods wide—then Southwesterly Twelve rods to the fence at a point—Containing one Acre & one Hundred & twenty Eight rods of ground—

Which we have Apprised at the sum of Thirteen Dollers upon his Paying that sum the Committee recommend to the Town to graint him the Land.—all which is submitted

ELIJAH DICKINSON Moderator—

the above Report hath been Comply<sup>d</sup> with by Ebenezar Mattoon Esq—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the First Parish Meeting House on Monday the Eleventh day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1797 at Nine of the Clock in the morning Voted as follows—(viz)—

Voted Zebina Montague Esq Moderator

Voted to allow the Bills as they have been red and Corrected.

Voted to Raise money Sufficient to Pay the above grainted Bills—

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Assess the above grainted monies

Voted to accept the List of Jurors as the they have been Exhibited by the Selectmen—

Attest,

ZEBINA MONTAGUE Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the Town of Amherst, Qualified according to Constitution to Vote for Goviner Lt goviner & Cenitors, Voted as Follows (viz)—

For Govenner

his Excellency Increase Sumner 87.

For Lt Govenner—

Hon, Moses Gill—78

For Senitors as Follows—

Hon, John Hastings—75

Ebenezar Hunt—75

David Sexton—75

Thomas Dwight—75

Warham Parks—75

April 2<sup>d</sup> 1798—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting-House on Monday the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of April Seventeen Hund & Ninety Eight. at nine of the Clock in ye morning Voted as Follows—(viz)—

Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood Moderator—

Voted Seth Coleman Clerk.

Voted Seth Coleman Treasurer.

Voted Jen<sup>l</sup> Zebina Montague, Maj<sup>r</sup> Medad Dickinson, Capt Ebenezar Boltwood, Capt Moses Hastings, and Coll Elijah Dickinson, Selectmen.—

Voted Maj<sup>r</sup> Medad Dickinson, Capt Ebenezar Boltwood, and De<sup>a</sup> Elisha Smith Assessors.—

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one Hour and then Meet at this Place—

Voted Daniel Cooley Esq. and David Cowls jnr Constables.—

Voted Moses Billings, Jonathan Dickinson, Ins. Asa Smith, Samuel Hastings, L<sup>t</sup>, John Ingram, John Eastman, Surveyers of Highways—



Voted Jiles Church, and William Fillmore. Surveyers and Measurers of Bords, Plank, Timber, Slitworke, Shingle, Clapbords and Cullers of Staves and Hoops.

Voted William Boltwood and Levi Cowls Fens Vewers.

Voted Levi Cowls, Seth Coleman jnr Jearub White Sworn Joseph Blayer and Chester Williams Teything men

Voted William Bowman & Joseph Blayer Sealer of Leather,

Voted Calvin Merrill Pound Keeper

Voted William Boltwood, Ralf Snow, L<sup>d</sup> Joseph Robbins, Zachariah Hawley jr, Elijah Kellogg, Richard Carpenter, and Silas Dickinson, Hogreives.—

Voted Jen<sup>l</sup> Zebina Montague, Sealer of waights and Measures,

Voted to Raise Two Hundred and Sixty Six Dollars, and Sixty Seven Cents For Schooling the Currant year.—

Voted to do the Highway worke this year by a Rate

Voted to Raise three Hundred and thirty three Dollars and thirty four Cents to Repare the Highway the Currant year.—

Voted to make the Highway rate by the Laist List—

Voted to allow Sixty Seven Cents per Day, for Highway worke till ye 1<sup>st</sup> of September, & thirty four Cents the rest of the year—

Voted to Choose a Committee of Seven, to Inspect the River on Pelham Rode, and make reporte to May Meeting, what mattril to a Dopt for the Erecting of a Bridge over Said River—

Voted Maj<sup>r</sup> Medad Dickinson, Capt Eli Parker, Thomas Hastings, L<sup>d</sup> John Ingram, Solomon Boltwood, Capt Moses Hastings and De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, be the Committee above—

Voted to Choose a Comttee to Confer with the Propriator of the Propriatory School-House (or their Committee) and See how they Can Purchase Said House for a Town School House, and Make Reporte to an adjurned Meeting—

Voted John Dickinson, De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, L<sup>d</sup> Elijah Hastings, Samuel Hastings, and Capt Timothey Handerson, be the Committee above,—

Voted that the Selectmen Procure a Pall Clauth for the use of the Town—

Voted to Raise Eighteen Dollers to Purchase Said Pall Clauth.

Voted to abate to Amariah Done his Rate in the hands of William Boltwood  
x Paid x

Voted to abate to Timothey Allin his Rate in the hands of Ezekiel Dickinson (viz) thirty Seven Cents. Paid x

Voted to abate to Simeon Elmur his tax in the Hands of William Boltwood.  
Paid x

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Asses the above grainted monies

Voted to allow 0-9 on thirteen Cents Per Head for all the Crows that Shall be killed in the Town of Amherst from ye first of may to the twentyeth of June next.

Voted that the Crows so Killed Shall be Brought to one of the Selectmen or Assessors to have their heads Cut off, and Account taken of their Number—

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the first monday in May next and then meet at this Place.

may 7<sup>th</sup> 1798 the meeting being met according to Adjurnment

Voted as Follows—(viz)

Voted to accept the Reporte of the Committee Chosen to Vew the Bridge over Fort River on Pelham Rode which is as follows (viz) First that there is



Neade of Repairing that Bridge—2<sup>d</sup> that it is Best to widen the Cours for the water to run in by removing the East Butment, 3<sup>d</sup> that in their opinion the Butment Should be removed So as to make the bridge Fortey five feet in Length and to Build one Pare of wooden Trussels in the Middle

Voted to Raise one Hundred Dollers to Build Said Bridge—

Voted to Choose a Committee of five to Build Said Bridge—

Voted Majer Medad Dickinson, Thomas Hastings, L<sup>t</sup> William Fillmore, Elisha Dickinson, and William Boltwood, be the Committee above—

Voted to accept the Reporte of the Committee Chosen to Vew the Proprietary School-House and Confer with the Propriators (or their Committee) for the Purchas of their School-House for the West middle District, which is as follows (viz) that the Town give the Propriators three Hundred Dollars for their House—

Voted to Raise Three Hundred Dollers for the Purpus of Purchasing or Building a School House in the West middle District.

Voted that Steven Smith, L<sup>t</sup> William Fillmore, and L<sup>t</sup> Ebenezar Eastman, be a Committee to agree with the Propriators for their School-House:—and take a Deed in behalf of the Town, to be Lodg<sup>d</sup> in the Clerks office, Should Such Conveyance be made; and Also to give orders on the Treasurer for Said sum of three Hundred Dollers: or other wise to Build a House for Said District.—

Voted that the Assessors be Impowered to Asses the above grainted monies in the Next Town Rate—

Attest EBEN,R BOLTWOOD Moderator—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting-House on Monday the thirteyeth day of April 1798, at three of the Clock in the afternoon; Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Capt Moses Hastings Moderator—

Voted Silas Dickinson Constable for the South Part of the Town

Attest—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst, Holden at the First Parish Meeting-house on Friday the Eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Ninety Eight, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon

Voted as Follows—(viz)—

Voted De<sup>n</sup> Medad Dickinson Moderator

Voted To Reconsider the Vote Passed on the Second day of April 1798, So Far as it relates to the mode of Building of a Bridge over the river on Pelham Rode.

Voted to Choose a Committee of Seven to Direct the Comtee Chosen at April Meeting 1798 for Building a Bridge over the River on Pelham Rode, whare & in what form they Shall Build Said Bridge.

Voted Capt Jonathan Dickinson, Capt Timothey Handerson, John Dickinson, Ebenezar Mattoon, Esq., Capt Joseph Pettes, Coll Elijah Dickinson, L<sup>t</sup> Elijah Hastings, be the Comtee above

Voted to Build a School House, in the West middle District of the Following Dimentions—(viz) Said House to be one Storey high, with two Stacks of Chimneys, and of the Same Length on the ground of the Propriatory School-House that was Lateley burnt, and to be two feet wider

Voted to Choose a Committee of five, to Direct the Committee Chosen at.





April Meeting 1798 For Building or Purchasing a Schoo-house for the West middle District where Said House Shall be Sett

Voted Ebenezar Mattoon jr Daniel Kellogg jun Capt Eli Parker, L<sup>t</sup> Ebenezar Eastman, and De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith to be the Committee above.

Voted to make the addition of two, to the Committee Chosen at April Meeting 1798 for Purchasing or Bulding a School-House for the West middle District.

Voted that Coll. Elijah Dickinson, & Capt Jonathan Dickinson be the Committee aded to the School-house Committee refered to above.

Voted that the Surveyers of Highways be Directed to Put. and Keep the Rodes in Repare and that they bring in their Bills to the Anual Meeting in December Next—

Voted to allow fifty Cents Pr Day for Highway worke, For two month from this time—

Attest MEDAD DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inheabitants of Amherston Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 1798 at 2 the Clock in the afternoon for the Purpose of Chosing a Federal Representative for the Second Westen District—when the Hon<sup>le</sup> Samuel Lyman had 43 Votes—Nov<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1798—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meet-House on Monday ye third day of December Seventeen Hundred & Ninety Eight at nine of the Clock in the morning, Voted as follows—

Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood Moderator

Voted to Allow for Highway worke in the Spring and Summer fifty Cents Pr day—

Voted to allow for 1½ Inch Plank one Dollar Pr Hundred—

Voted to allow for 2 Inch Plank One Dollar and Thirtey three Cents Pr Hundred—

Voted to adjurn for one Houre & then to meet at this Place

The meeting being met at Time and Place according to adjurnment Voted as follows.—(viz)—

Voted to Allow the Bills as they have been red & Corrected—

Voted to Rais money to Pay the above Bills—

Voted to Raise Eightey Dollers to Replace the money Drawn out of the Treasury for Sundrey Purpuses

Voted to Impower the Assessors to Asses the above granted Monies

Voted to Purchase the Spot of ground on which the Propriatory School-house Lateley Stood of the Propriators for the Purpose of Erecting a School-House for the West middle District—

Voted to give thirtey five Dollers for Said Spot of ground

Voted to Impower the Treasurer to Take Security of the Propriators for the above Described Spot of ground—

EBENEZAR BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitans of the Town of Amherst Qualified according to the Constitution to Vote for Goviner, L<sup>t</sup> Goviner & Senitors Voted as Follows—(viz) —

For Goviner, For his Excellency Increase Sumner 107

For L<sup>t</sup> Goviner, Hon Moses Gill 104



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| For Senitors. | David Sexton   | 78 |
|               | John Hastings  | 80 |
|               | Ebener Hunt    | 79 |
|               | Samuel Fowler  | 60 |
|               | Thomas Dwight  | 79 |
|               | Charles Phelps | 19 |
|               | John Williams  | 2  |

April 1: 1799.—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst. Holden at the First Parish Meeting-House, on Monday ye First day of April, Seventeen Hundred and Ninety nine, at nine of the Clock in the morning, Voted as follows

Voted Ebenezar Mattoon jr Esq moderator—

Voted Seth Coleman Clerk, Voted Seth Coleman Treasurer

Voted John Dickinson, Gideon Statsun, Majr Medad Dickinson, Samuel Hastings, Capt Jonathan Dickinson Selectmen—

Voted John Dickinson, Perez Dickinson, & Gideon Statson, Assessors

Voted to Adjurn this Meeting for the Space of one hour and then to Meet at this Place—

The Town being meet at time and Place according to the adjurnment above. Voted as Follows (viz)

Voted to Higher a Constable for the Currant year, to Collect all the Town Taxes, & do all the other Business Necessary for a Constable to do in Town—

Voted Jearub White Constable qualified and Said Jearub Ingadged in the Town Meeting, to do all the Business above Specified for the Consideration of Eighteen Dollars; and Said Jearub is To Procure two good Bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town Treasurer, to the Inheabitants of Said Town in the Sum of Two Thousand Dollers for his Faithfull Performance of Said Trust.—

Voted Solomon Boltwood, John Dickinson, Aaron Mearick, Capt Jonathan Dickinson, Josiah Theyer, & Elisha Dickinson, Surveyers of Highways—

Voted Jiles Church, Moses Smith, Surveyers and Measurers of Bords, Plank, Timber, Slitworke, Shingles, Clapbords and Cullers of Staves and Hoops.—

Voted Capt Timothey Handerson & John Lee Fens Vewers.—

Voted David Dickinson, Jonathan Smith 2<sup>d</sup> Aaron Merrick Philips Edwards, Benjamin Kimbal, & Luke Montague, Teything men,

Voted William Bowman Sealer of Leather.—

Voted Calvin Merrill, Pound Keeper—

Voted Chester Marshal, Stephen Smith, Zera Green, Ellihu Belding, & Benjamin Kimbal, Hog Reves.—

Voted Jene<sup>l</sup> Zebina Montague Sealer of waits and Measures—

Voted that L<sup>t</sup> Elijah Hastings, Capt Timothey Handerson, Moses Smith & Martin Cook, be Taken from the North west District for Schooling, and annexed to the west Midle.—

Voted to Raise three Hundred and Thirtey three Dollers and Thirtey three Cents for the Repare of the Highway the Currant year

Voted to Allow Fiftety Cents P<sup>r</sup> day, for Highway worke till the first of September: and thirtey three Cents y<sup>e</sup> rest of the year—

Voted to Direct the Assessors to Make the highway Tax by the Laist List—

Voted to Raise three Hundred and thirtey three Dollers and thirtey three Cents for Schooling the Currant year.—



Voted that the School-House in the East Middle District be removed to Sum more Convenient Place than where it now Stands; Provided it be dun free from Expence to the Town, and Put in as good repare as it now Stands, all Except the Chimney, and by the Direction of a Committee appointed for that Purpose.

Voted that Col. Elijah Dickinson, Noah Smith, & Gen<sup>l</sup> Zebina Montague, be the Committee to give Directions respecting the removal of the School-House above

EBENEZAR MATTOON Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the First Parish Meeting House on Thirsday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1799 at Four of the Clock in ye afternoon—

Voted Gen Ebenezar Mattoon jun Moderator—

Voted to Remit to David Smith jr his Tax against Azariah Dickinson—(viz) one Dollar & Eleven Cents x Paid—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the First Parish Meeting house on Friday y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1799 at 4 of ye Clock in ye afternoon &c—

Voted Capt Jonathan Dickinson Moderator—

Voted to Instruct the Representative to use his Influence not to have a Turn Pike Rode Established from Hadley to Sheusbury—

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Draw up a Remonstrance for the Representative to Lay before the Generel Court—

Voted De<sup>n</sup> John Billings, John Dickinson, & Dean Elisha Smith be the Committee above—

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting for half an hour & then to Meet at this Place, to hear the Report of the Com<sup>tee</sup> abve

the Meeting being opened—Voted to adjurn for one quarter of an hour and then Meet at Landlord Smiths.

the Meeting being opened at Landlord Smiths—

Voted to Accept of the Remonstrance as drafted by the Committee above—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting Hous on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> day of Decembr 1799 at Nine of ye Clock A M, Voted as Follows—(viz)—

Voted Ebenezar Mattoon jr Esq Moderator—

Voted to Choose a Committee of three, to Take Into Consideration the Petition of Aaron Billings Praying for Sum Compensation for the Loss he Custained in Building a School House in the west middle District—

Voted gen Zebina Montague, Coll, Elijah Dickinson, & Capt Ebenezar Boltwood be the Committee above and that they Reporte to this meeting

Voted to adjurn this Meeting to one of the Clock P. M and then Meet at the School-House near Landlord Smiths—

the Town being met at time and P<sup>l</sup>ace according to y<sup>e</sup> adjurnment above Voted as follows (viz)—

Voted to allow one Doller & thirty three Cents P<sup>r</sup> Hundred for 2 Inch Plank—

Voted to allow the bills as they have been red and Corrected.

Voted to allow Thirty Dollers to Repare the loss of Aaron Billings in Bulding a School-House—

Voted to Impower the Assessors to asses the above granted monies—



[NOTE. From 1800 to 1865 only the important votes are printed.]

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the first Parish Meeting house on Monday y<sup>e</sup> Seventh Day of April A D. 1800 at Nine of the Clock in Y<sup>e</sup> morning Voted as Follows—(viz)—

Voted Maj<sup>r</sup> Medad Dickinson Moderator—

Voted Seth Coleman Clerk—

Voted Seth Coleman Treasurer—

Voted Maj<sup>r</sup> Medad Dickinson, Noar Smith, Samuel Hastings, Gideon Stutson, & John Dickinson, Selectmen—

Voted Gideon Stutson, Perez Dickinson, & Major Medad Dickinson, Assessors ; all Qualified—

Voted to Higher a Constable for the Currant year to Collect all the Taxes, & do all the other Business Necessary for a Constable to do in Town.

Voted Martin Kellogg jnr Constable, and Said Martin Ingadged to do all the Business above Specified for the Consideration of Eighteen Dollers & Fify Cents, Paid and Said Martin is to Procure two good Bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town Treasurer for the ap of the Inheabitants in the Penal Sum of Two Thousand Dollars for his faithfull Performance of Said Trust—

Voted to graint to Capt Ebenezer Boltwood, Sixteen Dollers & Eightey Eight Cents to Replace the Money he Disburstd for a Tax Committed to him against y<sup>e</sup> Widow Eunice Parsons which he cold not Collect of Said Eunice (this Paid &c)

Attest

MEDAD DICKINSON Moderator—

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Amherst Qualified according to the Constitution to Vote for Goviner, Voted as follows (viz)

|                                      |     |
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| For y <sup>e</sup> Hon, Calub Strong | 134 |
| Elbrigg Gerry                        | 4   |
| Moses Gill                           | 23  |
| Reuben Cows                          | 1   |

April 7<sup>th</sup> A D: 1800—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the First Parish Meeting house on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1800 at two of the Clock. P. M. Voted as Follows (viz)

Voted De<sup>n</sup> Medad Dickinson Moderator.

Voted to Raise three Hundred and thirty three Dollers & thirty three Cents for Schooling the Currant year

Voted to Choose a Committee of three, to Inspect the rode from the East Meeting, house, to Pelham Line, & judge what method is best for the Town to take, to Put Said Rode in Repare, and make Reporte to Sum futer Meeting

Voted De<sup>n</sup> John Billings, Samuel Hastings & Capt Eli Parker be the Com<sup>rs</sup> above -

Voted to Raise three Hundred and thirty three Dollers & thirty three Cents, to Repare the Highways the Currant year

Voted to allow Fify Cents P<sup>r</sup> Day for highway worke till y<sup>e</sup> first of September; and thirty three Cents ye rest of the year—

Attest

MEDAD DICKINSON Moderator





At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the First Parish Meeting house on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1800 at 4 of the Clock P. M. Voted as follows. (viz)—

Voted De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith Moderator—

Voted to Remonstrate against the Establishment of a County Roade from Shutesbury near Asa Adams, s to this town through David Cows Land and others on the Flat hills So Called—

Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> of three to Draw up a Remonstrance against the Establishment of Said Rode, to be Forwarded to the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Northampton this week in and For this County—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst holden at the First Parish Meeting house on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of Novemb<sup>r</sup> A. D. 1800 Voted as Follows—(viz)—

Voted De<sup>n</sup> Medad Dickinson Moderator—

Voted to accept of the Reporte of the Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen to Vew the Rode from the East Streat to Pelham Line in may Laist, and is as Follows—(viz)

Amherst August 25<sup>th</sup> 1800—the Subscribers have vewed the County Roade, leading from the East Meeting house in Said Town to Pelham Line; and Reporte, that the Following alterations appear to be Nessary (viz) Begining at a Stake and Stones in De<sup>con</sup> Medad Dickinson Land, three rods South of Asiel Blotchet Shop, then Runing East 6<sup>o</sup> South to Olliver Claps Land two rods and half South of the North Line of Said Roade then East 6<sup>o</sup>, South 60 rods to a Stake and Stones three Roads South of the North Side of Said Rode then East 8<sup>o</sup>, South 45 Rods  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a Stake and Stones, the Laist Cours the roade to be three rods wide.

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|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| JOHN BILLINGS   | } | Comm <sup>tee</sup> |
| ELI PARKER      |   |                     |
| SAMUEL HASTINGS |   |                     |

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Damage Assest to De <sup>n</sup> Medad Dickinson | £7—00s |
| W <sup>d</sup> Catherine Williams                | 1—40   |
| Olliver Clap                                     | 15—25  |
| Moses Nash                                       | 7—35   |
|                                                  | <hr/>  |
|                                                  | £31—00 |

Voted to Raise \$200 Dollers to Repare Said Rode

Attest MEDAD DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting-House on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1800 at Nine of ye Clock in ye morning—Voted as Follows—(viz)

Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood Moderator—

Voted to allow one Dollar and thirtey three Cents P<sup>r</sup> Hundred for 2 Inch oake Plank also Pine Ditto—

Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> of three to buld a bridge over Forte river (So Call) near to John Morton.—

Voted Samuel Hastings, Coll Elijah Dickinson, and Aaron Billings be the Com<sup>tee</sup> above.—

Attest EBENEZAR BOLTWOOD Moderator

Hampshire Ss April 6<sup>th</sup> 1801. Then D<sup>r</sup> Seth Coleman being Chosen to the Several Offices of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer for the year ensuing took the Oaths by Law required to be taken to qualify him to Serve in the Same Offices respectively before Simeon Strong Justice of the Peace.



At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting-House on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill A. D. 1801 at Nine of the Clock A. M. Voted as Follows. (viz)

Voted Ebenezer Mattoon jr Esqr Moderator—

Voted Seth Coleman Town Clerk—

Voted Seth Coleman Town Treasurer—

Voted Maj<sup>r</sup> Medad Dickinson, Noah Smith, Gideon Stutson, Samuel Hastings, & Capt Moses Hastings, Selectmen,

Voted maj<sup>r</sup> Medad Dickinson, Capt Ebenezer Boltwood & Perez Dickinson Assessors Qualified

Voted L<sup>r</sup> Calvin Merrill Constable,

Voted to Rais Four Hundred Dollers to Repare the Highways the Currant year—

Voted to allow 50 Cents Pr day for Highway worke till the First of September & thirty three Cents y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> year

Voted that Ceaser Prut a Town Pauper, be Set up at vendue, to the Lowest bidder For Victualling and Beding and was Struck of to Ins Asa Smith for one year for one Doller Per week

Voted to Raise three Hundred and thirfey three Dollers and thirfey three Cents for Schoolling the Currant year—

Voted to Raise Seventy five Dollers for the Support of the Poor the Currant year

EBENEZER MATTOON JR

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the Town of Amherst Qualified according to the Constitution to Vote for govener, Voted as Follows—(viz)—

For y<sup>e</sup> Hon, Calub Strong 177

Elbrige Geery 6

April 6: 1801—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting-House on thirsday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1801 at three of the Clock in the afternoon—Voted as Follows—(viz)—

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Vew a Bit of ground Lying west of Clarks mills, and Determin how much Land if any Can be Sold. without dis-cummodeing the Town & take a Measurment of, and apprise the Same, and Reporte to a Futer meeting—

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to jVew a gore of Land whare David Hawley Lately Lived and Say how much Land if any Can be Sold and apprise Said Land and Reporte to Next Meeting—

Attest SAMUEL HASTINGS—

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting-house in Said Amherst on Friday the 22<sup>d</sup> day of May A. D 1801, at four of the Clock in the afternoon Voted as Follows—

Voted that the Town are opposed to the Petition of Eleazar Clark and others For a Turnpike roade from western to Amherst and think it not onley Inexpedient but Prejudicial to the Community.—

Voted that gen<sup>l</sup> Zebina Montague the Representative for the Town of Amherst be Requested to use his utmost Endeavour in the General Court to Prevent Said Petition being granted

Attest MOSES HASTINGS—



At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting-House on Wednesday the Sixteenth Day of December Eighteen Hundred and one at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon Voted as Follows—(viz)

Voted to allow one Dollar and Thirtee three Cents Pr Hundred for 2 Inch oake Plank.—

Voted to accept a Reporte of a Committee Chosen at April Meeting Laist, to Vew, take a measurment, and apprise a bit of Land Laying westerly of Clarks mill (So Called) which is as follows—(viz)—

Amherst August 17<sup>th</sup>; 1801

Report of a Committee Consisting of E. Mattoon jr Esq. Coll Elijah Dickinson Stephen Smith Appointed at a Late meeting of the Town to vew, Assertain the Quantity, apprise the Value, and Set out by Meets and Bounds, a Peice of Land on the hill westerly and near Clarks mill (so Called); and also a Peice of Land northerly of Enos Bakers—have attended that Service, found in the Peice near Clarks mill one Hundred and Twenty Seven Rods of ground which the Committee are of opinion may be Disposed of without Inconvenience to the town; and also in the Peice North of Enos Bakers, Eight Acres and Ninety two Rods of ground which the Committee are of opinion may also be Sold or Disposed of adventagiously for the Town—the minits and Plan of Said Peice of Land are herewith Exhibited—the Committee have Apprised the peice of land near and Westerly of Clarks Mill within the bounds which are Erected, at the Sum of Thirtee five Dollers and Fiftety Cents and no More—also the land north of Enos Bakers at the Sum of Eight Dollers pr acre and no more—all which is Submitted pr order

E MATTOON

STEPHEN SMITH

ELIJAH DICKINSON

Voted to graint the above Disscribed bit of land, near to, and westerly of Clarks mill (So Called) to Jiles Church he paying the money on giving good Security to the Town Treasury for the Sum at which it was apprised by the Committee Chosen to measure and apprise Said Land—

Voted that the above Disscribed bits of land Laying northerly of Enos Bakers, be granted to the Several Persons against whose Land they Happen to Fall, they Eithe Paying the money or giving good Security to the Town Treasury, at the Proportion of the apprisement made by the Committee Chosen to measure & apprise said Land—

Voted to Raise Sixety Dollars to Procure a Standard of weights and measures for the town.—

Voted to Chose a Committee of three, to vew and apprise a bit of Town way Laid out South of Simeon Cowls, toward Hadley and make reporte to a Futer meetin.

N. B. Joseph Church P<sup>d</sup> for the Land adjoining him April 7, 1802 \$12: 22½ Cents

Timothy Green jr gave obligation for Land adjoining him April 7: 1802—\$24: 97.—

Town meeting, Feb. 8, 1802.

Voted to remonstrate against the Proposed Turnpike Rode, Leading from Hardwick Belcherstown being granted.

Voted to Choose a Committee of five to draw a Remonstrance, to be Laid



before the General Court, by the Representative of Amherst Praying that the above proposed Turnpike rode may not be Established—

MEDAD DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of Town of Amherst Qualified according to the Constitution to Vote for govener, Voted as Follows—(viz)—

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|-------------------------|-----|
| For ye Hon Calub Strong | 164 |
| Elbridge Geery          | 19  |

Town meeting, April 5, 1802.

Voted Seth Coleman Clerk

Voted Seth Coleman Treasur.

Voted Capt Timothy Handerson, Den John Kellogg, Nathan Franklin, Gideon Stetson, Coll Elijah Dickinson, Selectmen

Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood, De<sup>a</sup> John Kellogg, Nathan Franklin Assessors

Voted L<sup>t</sup> Calvin Merrill Constable.

Voted to Raise three Hundred and thirtē three Dollars and thirtē three Cents, to Repare the Highways y<sup>e</sup> Currant year

Voted to allow Fiftē Cents P<sup>r</sup> day, for Highway worke, till y<sup>e</sup> First of September, and thirtē three Cents y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> year

Voted to Raise Four Hundred Dollers for Schooling the Currant year

Voted to allow Samuel Hastings, Fortē four Dollers For Victualing and Clothing Ceser Prut, for one year, and Said Samuel is to Leave Cesar Prut as well Clothed at the End of the year as he now finds him—

Voted to Raise Eleven Dollers to Pay ye Collector this year—

Voted to raise Fiftē Dollers for the support of the Poore of the Town this year

EBENEZER BOLTWOOD Moderator

Town meeting, May 5, 1802.

Voted to Discontinue a Town rode of Ten rods wide Laying between the Hears of Olliver Cows Late of Amherst Deceased, and Simeon Cows Land, and grant the Same to the Hears of Jonathan Cows Late of Amherst Deceased, upon their Either Paying of Twenty Dollars to the Town Treasurer, or giving good Security for the Same Sum for the use of the Inheabitors. N. B. Simeon Cows gave Security for the above Land agreable to ye vote above &c—

Town meeting, September 13, 1802.

Voted to Choose two Agents, to waite on the Committee, appointed by the General Court, to go on the ground of the Proposed turnpike rode, Leading from Northampton to Hardwick—

Voted Jene<sup>l</sup> Zebina Montague. Coll Elijah Dickinson be the Committee above; and that Said Agents use their Influence with the Honorable Corts Committee that they reporte gainst the Establishment of Said Turn Pike.—

At a Legal Meeting of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting-House on Monday the first day of Nov<sup>r</sup> A. D 1802 For the Purpus of bringing in their Vote for a Person to Represent the Hampshire North district in the Congress of the united States--Voted as Follows—(viz)—





Zebina Montague Esqr—36

Edward Upham Esqr—4

Solomon Smead—Esqr—3

Selah Voce—Esqr—33

John Williams - Esqr—6

Town meeting, December 6, 1802.

Voted to allow Forty two Cents p<sup>r</sup> day for Worke at Highways this Fall.

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Buld a Pound in Amherst.

Voted that Said Committee provide materials to Buld Said Pound this Winter, and that Said Pound be bilt of Timber

Voted to allow Rebekah Hawley Six Dollers and Sixty Seven Cents for Tending his Father in his laist Sickness—

Voted to Buld a Hears to Convey dead Corpses to the Place of Enterment.

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to buld Said Hears

Voted to raise Fifty Dollers for the Purpose of Bulding Said Hears

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Amherst Holden at the First Parish Meeting House on Mondy y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1803 for the Purpose of bringing their Votes For a Person to Represent the Hampshire North District in the the Congress of the united States—Voted as Follows.

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| John Williams Esq—              | 67 |
| Col. Hugh McClellen             | 10 |
| Solomon Smeed Esq—              | 9  |
| Jonathan Levett Esq—            | 9  |
| Rv <sup>d</sup> Samuel Taggart— | 1  |

Town meeting, January 24, 1803.

Voted to Buld a Bridge over the River in the North part of the Town near Ingrams Mill—

Voted that it be Left Discretionary with this Committee to buld the bridge in such ways as Shall be thought best for the Interest of the Town.—

At a Legal Meeting of Inheabitants of Amherst Qualified according to the Constitution to Vote for goviner on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1803. Voted as Follows—(viz)—

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| For y <sup>e</sup> Hon, Calub Strong— | 174 |
| Elbridge Geery                        | 15  |

Town meeting, April 4, 1803.

Voted Seth Coleman Town Clerk—

Voted De<sup>n</sup> Samuel F Dickinson Treasurer

Voted Coll Elijah Dickinson, Gideon Stetson, Den Nathan Franklin, Timothy Handerson, and Den John Kellogg Selectmen

Voted Capt Ebenezar Boltwood De<sup>n</sup> Nathan Franklin, and De<sup>n</sup> John Kellogg Assessors—

Voted Jearub White Constable.

Voted to Raise Four Hundred Dollars. For Schooling y<sup>e</sup> Currant year

Voted to Raise three Hundred & Thirtie three Dollers, & thirtie three Cents to Repare the Highway the Currant year—



Voted to allow Fifty Cents Pr day for Highway worke till y<sup>e</sup> first of September & thirty three Cents y<sup>e</sup> rest of the year—

Voted that L<sup>t</sup> John Ingram take Ceser Prut a Towns Pauper for one year, and Said John is to Vitual & lodge Said Ceser, and Leave him as well Clothed at the End of the year as he now finds him, for the Consideration of Twenty nine Dollers & Twenty five Cents

Voted to Chose a Committee of three, in Each School District Whose duty it Shall be, to hire School Masters, and Superintend the expendatures of the School money.—

Town meeting, December 5, 1803.

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to take advice and See if there be any way to get rid of the maintenance of Aaron Kellogg, an Insane Person.—

Voted to Instruct our Representative not to Vote to allow the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court, more than Sixteen Hundred and Sixty Six Dollers and Sixty Seven Cents Pr year for their Sallery—

April-meeting AD 1804. For the choice of town Officers &c.

At a legal meeting of the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of Amherst qualified to vote in town-meeting, holden at the first Parish-meeting house in said town, on monday the second day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & four, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and continued, by adjournment, to the afternoon of the same day, in pursuance the Selectmen's warrant for that purpose, remaining on file.

Major Medad Dickinson was chosen Moderator: the meeting was then opened with prayer by the Rev. Doctor Parsons: and the following persons duly chosen to fill the several offices in town for the year insueing, hereafter annexed to their names respectively, that is to say: Samuel F. Dickinson, Town Clerk. Samuel F. Dickinson Town Treasurer. Deacons Nathan Franklin & John Kellogg and Perez Dickinson Assessors who were, on the same day, qualified for said office, by taking the necessary oath before the Town Clerk.

Jarib White, Constable, who took the oath necessary to qualify him for said office, before me, on the same day.

Col. Elijah Dickinson, Capt. Timothy Henderson, Mr. Gideon Stetson D<sup>n</sup> Nathan Franklin & D<sup>n</sup> John Kellogg Selectmen

Voted to hire a Collector of taxes for the year insuing, by setting up the collect-orship at vendue, to the lowest bidder, he procuring bonds with two sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the town-treasurer, in the penal sum of two thousand Dollers, for the faithful performance of the said trust. And the same, being sett-up at vendue, as aforesaid, was struck off to Jarib White, under the conditions above expressed, for the sum of Eleven Dollers & Eighty nine cents; who was accordingly chosen Collector of Taxes for the year insuing, and took the necessary oath to qualify him for said office, on the same day, before me.

Voted. In pursuance of the third article in the warrant above mentioned, to raise, for the repairing of highways for, the year insuing, three hundred & thirty three Dollers & thirty three cents; to be expended in the same manner, in which money was last year expended upon the road: to allow fifty cents, by the day for labor upon the highways, till the first day of September: & thirty three cents, by the day for the remaining part of the year and that the said sum voted for the repair of highways be assessed by the last List.



Voted. In pursuance of the fourth Article in said Warrant, to raise for the purpose of schooling, the ensuing year, the sum of four hundred Dollars, to be expended, in each district, its proportion, under the direction of a school-Committee, consisting of three persons; and accordingly the following persons were chosen for said Committee, in each district, that is to say:

In the South West district, Stephen Fish, Asa Smith & Martin Kellogg.

In the South East district, Dea. Nathan Franklin, Elisha Smith & Justus Williams Jr.

In the East Middle district, Ins Dickinson, Joseph Watson & Maj. Medad Dickinson.

In the North East district, Enos Baker, Zechariah Hawley & Ebenezer Ingram.

In the North West district, Elijah Smith, Elijah Eastman & Richard Carpenter.

In the West Middle district, Sam. F. Dickinson, L<sup>t</sup> Calvin Merrill & Capt. Geo. Williamson.

Voted. that Cesar Prutt, a negro and Town's Pauper, be set-up, at vendue, to the lowest bidder, to be kept, the year ensuing with suitable vituals and clothing, and to be returned at the end of the year, as well clothed as he now is. He was accordingly set-up, as aforesaid, and struck-off to Aaron Merrick, he being the lowest bidder, at the Sum of forty one Dollars & fifty Cents, on the conditions above expressed.

Also, that Aaron Kellogg, a deranged person, and a Town's Pauper, be left in the hands of the Selectmen, the Insuing year, that they may make such experiments with him, and provide for him in such a manner, as they may think conducive to his happiness, and the interests of the town.

Voted. To accept the report of the Committee, chosen at laist December meeting, to examine, take advice and see if there be any legal method to get rid of the maintainance of Aaron Kellogg, who is mentioned above; which report is in the words & figures following, that is to say:

"Amherst, April 2<sup>d</sup> 1804.

"A Report of the Committee appointed at the last December meeting, to inquire, whether the town, by any legal means, could avoid the expence of supporting Aaron Kellogg:

"Your Committee were duly impressed with the importance of their Commission, as it respected the Interest of the Town, as well as their own reputation: knowing the Town indignant at the attempt, made by Daniel Kellogg, while rolling in wealth and prosperity, to impose his deranged brother upon it. Your Committee have consulted the most eminent Attorneys in the government, upon the question: viz, Mr Parsons of Boston, Mr Williams of Deerfield: Mr Ashmun of Blanford: and Mr Hinckley of Northampton. The Committee have not settled with all of them; therefore, they can not report the precise sum of the expence; but it will not exceed fifteen Dollars.

"A question of so much consequence to the town, in which their feelings are so deeply interested, has not failed to excite very uneasy sensations in the minds of their Committee; that they cannot make a Report more consonant to their own, and the Town's wishes. But it is their duty, however disagreeable the task, to lay before the Town the Report of their inquiries.

"We are told, that Justice and Equity are upon the side of the town but that past transactions have precluded them from the benefit of Law. We are advised to submit to the injustice, rather than risque a doubtful decision.

"Our lawyers, upon an accurate statement of the case, could hardly persuade themselves, that such an instance of the want of brotherly affection could exist in the Community: and endeavored to convince your Committee, that upon mature deliberation, Daniel Kellogg could *not* risque his reputation in persisting in such a



mode of conduct: as he must well know, could not only render him and his family very obnoxious to every inhabitant of the Town, but contemptible in the eyes of all, who should come to the knowledge of the case. From the suggestions of those gentlemen, and from the wish of mankind in general, to stand well with their fellow-men, your Committee entertained a faint hope, that Daniel Kellogg, reflecting upon the palpable injustice of his conduct, and considering the abundance, with which he is surrounded, and knowing that a considerable sums of money must be wrung from the hard earnings and scanty pittance of the poor and indigent, every Cent of which is necessary for the support of their helpless offspring, to support a Brother of his—that it would have reduced his obdurate heart, and have excited some sensations of brotherly love & affection. But in this, they have been disappointed. Callous to the hard fate of a wretched and distressed brother, and devoid of all the natural and social feelings of humanity: wrapt-up in the barbarous garb of self-interest: abandoning all the tender ties of brotherly love and affection: deaf to loud calls of Justice, and the earnest intreaties, and humble supplications of a miserable deranged Brother, he stands a deplorable monument of human depravity!

“Your Committee recommend this Report to be entered on the Records of the town, as a rare instance of the want of brotherly affection: and that it remain there, until Daniel Kellogg, or some of his Posterity, shall indemnify the town for the expence of supporting his brother, Aaron Kellogg,—

E. MATTOON JR. }  
ELIJAH DICKINSON } Committee.”  
ZEBINA MONTAGUE }

Attest,

SAMUEL F. DICKINSON, Town-Clerk.

April Meeting A D 1804. For the choice of Govenor &c.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst qualified to Vote for Govenor of the Commonwealth holden at the first Parish meeting in said Amherst, on the second day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & four, at three of the Clock in the afternoon, in pursuance of a legal warrant for that purpose

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> had 145 votes.

Hon. James Sullivan Esq<sup>r</sup> 15

Attest.

SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

May-Meeting A D 1804. For Chusing Representative.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Amherst, qualified by Law to vote for Representative in the General Court, holden at the first parish meeting in said Amherst, on the Seventh day of May in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred & four pursuant to the warrant of the selectmen for that purpose: which meeting was holden for the purpose of chusing one person to represent this Town in the General Court, for the year insuing, of this Commonwealth: on counting the votes, it appeared, that,

Zebina Montague Esq<sup>r</sup> had Thirty one votes.

Major Medad Dickinson Twelve

Capt. Timothy Henderson one

Col<sup>l</sup> Elijah Dickinson one and

Samuel F. Dickinson fifteen votes.

Zebina Montague Esq<sup>r</sup> was, therefore, declared duly elected, he having a majority of votes.

Attest.

SAMUEL F. DICKINSON, Town Clerk.





## Town Meeting, December 3, 1804.

Voted: In pursuance of the third article in the warrant, to build a school-house in the East middle school-district, on the spot where the present school-house now stands, after the construction of the school houses in the West middle, or South East districts, and not to exceed either of them in size or expence: and to dispose of the present school house in s<sup>d</sup> first mentioned district,

Voted to Choose a Committee of three persons to build said school-house, and that they be authorized to dispose of the old school-house there, to the greatest advantage, toward building the new-one; Major Medad Dickinson, John Dickinson, and Joseph Watson were accordingly chosen said Committee.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON, Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting, April 1, 1805.

The Hon. Ebenezer Mattoon Jr Esq. was chosen Moderator; The meeting was then opened, with Prayer, by the Rev. Doctor Parsons; and the following persons chosen to the several offices hereafter respectively annexed to their names, and the following Votes also passed: that is to say;

Samuel F. Dickinson. Town Clerk.

Samuel F. Dickinson, Town Treasurer.

Col. Elijah Dickinson, Major Medad Dickinson, Capt Timothy Henderson. Deacons Nathan Franklin & John Kellogg, Selectmen.

Deacon Nathan Franklin, Capt. Calvin Merrill and Deacon John Kellogg Assessors, Sworn

Mr William D Williamson Constable & Collector of Taxes. In the choice of a Constable & collector of Taxes it was

Voted, that the same be set-up at vendue, to the lowest bidder, as it was the last year; the person bidding off the same, procuring bonds, \* \* \* in the penal sum of Two thousand Dollars. \* \* \* The same was accordingly set up, to the lowest bidder, and struck off the said William D. Williamson, \* \* \* for the sum of Eleven Dollars & fifty cents, being the lowest sum offered.

Voted. In pursuance of the third article in the warrant, to raise for the repairing of the highways, the insuing year, four hundred Dollars; & that sixty seven cents for a days labor on the highways, until the first day of September, be allowed, & forty two cents, for the rest of the year.

Voted. In pursuance of the fourth article in the warrant, to raise for the support of the schools, the current year, four hundred Dollars; and the same be expended, under the direction of a school Committee of three persons, in each district:

Voted. In pursuance of the fifth article in the warrant, that Aaron Kellogg & Caesar Pratt, two of the Town's poor, be set up, to the lowest bidder, to be kept through the year, with suitable & sufficient victuals & clothing, to be kept as well clothed as they now are, & to be so returned at the end of the year; they were accordingly set-up & struck-off as follows, viz, on the conditions above written: Aaron Kellogg to Capt. Eli Parker jr, for the sum of one Dollar and twenty five cents, by the week: and

Caesar Pratt, to Daniel Moody, to be kept through the year, on the above conditions, for the sum of forty eight Dollars and twenty five cents.

Voted. Also under the same article that Salina Dickinson, one other of the town's poor, be left in the hands and care of Deacon Nathan Franklin for the present year: and that he bring in his bill to the town for the same.

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON, Town-Clerk.



Town Meeting, April 1, 1805, for the choice of Governor.

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> had 190 votes

Hon James Sullivan Esq<sup>r</sup> 34

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting May 9, 1805, for chusing Representative.

The first time balloting,

General Zebina Montague had 49 votes

Major Medad Dickinson 24

Col. Elijah Dickinson 1

Capt. Timothy Henderson 5

Capt. Calvin Merrill 1

Samuel F. Dickinson 50 & no choice

The Second balloting. General Montague having declined being considered a candidate for the office, the votes were as follows, to wit :

For General Zebina Montague 10 votes

for Major Medad Dickinson 28

for Samuel F. Dickinson 97 who was accordingly chosen.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON, Town-Clerk,

Town Meeting, December 16, 1805.

Voted. Under the third article in the warrant, to Chuse a Committee of three persons to examin the Northeast school-house, and report to the next April meeting, wheather, in their opinion, it is necessary to rebuild the same, the season insuing. Accordingly Elijah Eastman, Deacon Elisha Smith, & Zebina Montague Esq<sup>r</sup> were chosen for said Committee.

Voted. Under the sixth article in the warrant, to raise for the support of the poor, one hundred Dollars.

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Amherst, qualified to vote in town affairs, holden at the first Parish Meeting house in said town, on monday, the sixteenth day of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & five, in pursuance of a legal warrant of the Selectmen. " To take into consideration the proposed division of the county, & pass any votes thereon the town may think proper "

Major Samuel Gamwell being chosen Moderator,

Voted unanimously, that this town are opposed to the proposed division. Voted also to chuse a Committee of five persons to draw a remonstrance against the said proposed division, addressed to the Hon. General Court, & to send the same by our Representative: and that General Zebina Montague, Daniel Cooley, Esq. Major Medad Dickinson, Mr Simeon Strong, & Capt Calvin Merrill be that Committee.

Attest, SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 7, 1806.

Samuel F. Dickinson Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Major Medad Dickinson, Col. Elijah Dickinson, Capt. Timothy Henderson D<sup>o</sup> Nathan Franklin & D<sup>o</sup> John Kellogg, Selectmen.



Capt. Calvin Merrill, D<sup>n</sup> Nathan Franklin: & Ensign Enos Baker, Assessors  
 Voted, that the Collectorship of taxes be set-up, at vendue, by the Moderator, in open town-meeting, to the lowest bidder, it being understood that the person bidding off the same procure bonds to the satisfaction of the treasurer of the town in the sum of two thousand Dollars for the faithful performance of the duty; & that the same person be chosen Constable— The Collectorship was accordingly set-up, & struck off to Capt. Calvin Merrill, he being the lowest bidder, on the conditions above expressed, for the sum of Sixteen Dollars—and he was accordingly chosen Constable.

Voted, In pursuance of Article 3<sup>d</sup> to set up to the lowest bidder, Cæsar Prutt and Aaron Kellogg, two of the town's poor, to be kept through the year ensuing, with sufficient & suitable provision & necessaries, excepting for Physician or medicine, & to be returned at the end of the year as well clothed as they are now: accordingly, they were set-up, & struck off, on the conditions above expressed, for the sum severally following, that is to say; Caesar Prutt to Joel Kellogg for fifty one Dollars; and Aaron Kellogg to Lt. John Ingram for Sixty one Dollars & fifty cents: And that Salina Dickinson, one other of the town's poor be left in the disposal of the Selectmen.

Voted. In pursuance of Art. 4<sup>th</sup> in the warrant, to repair the highways in the usual way, which has been practiced in town, & to raise four hundred Dollars therefor: allowing sixty seven cents, for one day's labor on the road till the first of September, & thirty three cents afterward.

Voted. In pursuance of Art. 7<sup>th</sup> in the warrant, to raise for the support of the schools the ensuing year, four hundred dollars; & that the same be expended, under the direction and care of a Committee of three persons in each school-district, \* \* \*

Voted. In pursuance of Art. 8<sup>th</sup> in the warrant, to give a bounty of twenty Dollars in addition to the states bounty, to any person killing a wolf in the bounds of this town, during the current year.

Voted. In pursuance of Art 10<sup>th</sup> in the warrant, to give a bounty of twelve cents & an half to any person who shall kill any grown Crow, within the limits of this town, between this time & the fifth of July next.

Attest,

SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 7, 1806, for choice of Governor.

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq had two hundred & one votes.

The Hon James Sullivan had thirty one votes

Edward M Robbins Esq. had one vote.

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| MEDAD DICKINSON  | } of the town of |
| ELIJAH DICKINSON |                  |
| JOHN KELLOGG     |                  |
| TIMO HANDERSON   |                  |
| NATHAN FRANKLIN  | Amherst.         |

Attest.

SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, May 12, 1806, for Representative.

For General Zebina Montague two

for Colonel Elijah Dickinson one

for Major Medad Dickinson fifty seven, & for Samuel F. Dickinson Sixty three, which being a majority, he is accordingly declared to be chosen.

Attest.

SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.



## Town Meeting, May 12, 1806.

Voted. in pursuance of Article 2<sup>d</sup> to accept the report of the Committee therein mentioned, which report was that a new school-house ought to be built in the North East school district, this present season. Accordingly voted to build the same of the dimensions of thirty six by twenty feet: that the Selectmen be a Committee for the purpose of building said school-house: that they dispose of the old house to the best advantage for the town: and be authorized to fix upon the place of setting the new one, only the inhabitants of the district shall themselves agree upon the same.

Voted In pursuance of Art. 5<sup>th</sup> That a new bridge over Fort river, west of Gad Dickinsons, be built, and that the same be built under the direction of a Committee of three persons: accordingly Col. Elijah Dickinson, Major Moses Hastings, and Gad Dickinson were chosen for said Committee.

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting, December 22, 1806.

Voted. In pursuance of the third article, in the warrant, to raise for the support of the poor of the town, one hundred and thirty dollars.

Voted. In addition to the bills allowed, to allow to Ebenezar Dickinson, the Second, & Josiah Warner, Jr. the sum of three hundred dollars for building a school house in the North East school district.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting, April 6, 1807.

Samuel F. Dickinson Town Clerk & Treasurer. Sworn. Major Medad Dickinson, Col. Elijah Dickinson. Capt. Timothy Henderson, D<sup>n</sup> Nathan Franklin & D<sup>n</sup> John Kellogg Selectmen sworn.

D<sup>n</sup> Nathan Franklin, Capt Calvin Merrill and Elijah Smith Assessors sworn. Jarib White Constable & Collector of Taxes. Sworn.

In the choice of whom Voted: that the collector-ship of taxes be set-up at vendue, \* \* \* to the lowest bidder; \* \* \* The Collectorship was accordingly set-up as aforesaid, & struck off to said Jarib White, he being the lowest bidder, for the sum of twenty two dollars & seventy five cents: and he was therefore chosen Constable.

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting, April 6, 1807, for Governor.

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> had two hundred & twelve votes.

Hon. James Sullivan Esq<sup>r</sup> had thirty five votes.

SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

## May meeting, 1807. (Representatives)

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Amherst, qualified by Law, to vote for Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden at the first Parish meeting house in said Amherst, on the seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seven, at 2 of the Clock in the afternoon in pursuance of a legal warrant of the Selectmen for that purpose.





For Zebina Montague Esquire, four votes  
 Major Medad Dickinson twenty seven Do  
 Samuel F. Dickinson seventy-nine Do who was accordingly  
 declared to be chosen

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

April meeting, 1808. Town affairs.

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Amherst, qualified by the Constitution, to vote in town-affairs, holden at the first parish meeting house in said town, on monday, the fourth day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & eight, at nine of the clock in the forenoon. & by adjournment, in the afternoon of the same day. Ebenezer Mattoon Esquire, being chosen Moderator, and a prayer being made by the Rev. Ichabod Draper, the following persons were chosen into the offices, to their names hereafter respectively affixed, and the following votes passed: Viz:

Samuel F. Dickinson Town Clerk & treasurer. Sworn.

Col Elijah Dickinson, Major Moses Hastings, Capt. Calvin Merrill, Eben Ingram & Aaron Merrick, Selectmen—all sworn before me.

Capt Calvin Merrill, Elijah Smith and Justus Williams Jr Assessors.

Joseph Watson, Constable & Collector of Taxes. To whom was voted, on the same condition as last year, the sum of twenty dollars for his services therein.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to audit accounts against the town: \* \* \*

Voted, to raise for the support of schools, this current year, four hundred dollars; Also Voted, to raise in addition to the above, one hundred and fifty dollars, to be expended in Summer Schools. Voted, however, that each District be authorized to expend its proportion thereof, either for winter or summer schools, as they may think best—the whole to be expended under the care of a Committee in each District: \* \* \*

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 4, 1808 for Governor

Hon. Christopher Gore, Two hundred & thirty votes—

His Excellency James Sullivan Esquire, thirty votes—

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

Town Meeting, May 9, 1808.

Voted, to Chuse two persons to Represent the town in the General Court, the Current year:

Voted, to Chuse each by separate ballots: accordingly, the votes being given in, sorted & counted, were as follows, viz,

For Mr. Simeon Strong one

Zebina Montague Esquire twenty one.

Major Medad Dickinson forty nine.

Samuel F. Dickinson Eighty seven: who having a majority of votes was declared to be elected. And, the votes being given in, sorted & counted, for one other Representative, were as follows, viz:

For Dr Samuel Gamwell one vote

Mr. Simeon Strong one vote.



Major Medad Dickinson seventy one.

Zebina Montague, Esquire Eighty. and he having a majority of votes. was accordingly declared elected.

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, August 29, 1808.

Voted. in pursuance of the second article in the warrant, to petition the President of the United States to take off the Embargo in part, or in all: And, to chuse a Committee of five persons to draw a petition for that purpose: and that said Committee consist of the following persons, viz, Messrs Simeon Strong, Moses Hastings, Medad Dickinson, Calvin Merrill & Elijah Dickinson.

Attest. MEDAD DICKINSON Clerk pro tempori

Town Meeting, August 30, 1808.

The Town met according to adjournment, and the Committee appointed yesterday, having reported for the objects above specified, the same was accepted, seven only dissenting. And the Selectmen directed to sign & forward the same to the President of the United States. Also, that a copy of said Petition be taken and left in the office of the town Clerk.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 12, 1808.

Voted. In pursuance of the fourth article in the warrant, to chuse a Committee of three persons, with discretion, impower to defend the suit brought against the Town by the town of Granby, and that the same Committee consist of Samuel F Dickinson, Col. Elijah Dickinson & Simeon Strong; the same suit being commenced to recover damages for supporting Eli Emmons, a Pauper.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst, qualified to vote in town affairs, holden at the first Parish meeting house in said Town, by adjournment at Elijah Boltwood's hall in said Amherst, on monday, the thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & nine, at one of the clock P. M. for the purpose of taking into consideration the alarming state of our public concerns, Major Samuel Gamwell was chosen Moderator: and certain Resolutions expressing the sense of the good people of this town, of the present state of the Country, and of the measure of the General Government of the United States, in relation thereto. Voted: which resolutions are on file and attested by the Town Clerk.

Also voted. that a Committee of three persons be chosen to forward a Copy of said Resolutions to the General Court of this Commonwealth & to the Printer of the *Hampshire Gazette*, at Northampton for publication. Accordingly, Samuel F. Dickinson Simeon Strong, & Col Elijah Dickinson were chosen to be said Committee.

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 3, 1809.

Samuel F. Dickinson, Town Clerk & Treasurer, and sworn by the Moderator, no Justice of the Peace being present.



Major Moses Hastings, Capt Calvin Merrill, Aaron Merrick, Elijah Smith, & Chester Williams. Selectmen, and sworn by me.

Capt. Timothy Henderson, Capt. Calvin Merrill and Justus Williams Jr. Assessors. Sworn by T. Clerk.

Zacheus Crocker Ingram, Constable and Collector of Taxes. To whom was voted the sum of Twenty Dollars and twenty five cents for his services as collector on the same conditions as last year.

Elijah Eastman, Capt. Timothy Henderson and D<sup>n</sup> Nathan Franklin, Committee of Accounts.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 3, 1809, for Governor.

Hon. Christopher Gore Esq<sup>r</sup> had Two hundred & forty Votes.

His Honor Levi Lincoln Esquire had Twenty one Votes.

Town Meeting, May 8, 1809.

The Selectmen presiding at said meeting :

Voted To send two Representatives to the General Court, the present year; and that they be chosen by separate ballots; accordingly the votes being given in, sorted & counted, on the first balloting, were as follows: viz:

For Major Medad Dickinson five

Noah D. Mattoon forty five,

Samuel F. Dickinson Ninety seven.

On the second balloting, as follows; viz

For Major Medad Dickinson Seven

Noah D. Mattoon fifty eight

Simeon Strong Ninety two.

Accordingly. Samuel F. Dickinson and Simeon Strong, having, each, a majority of all the votes given in, are both declared to be elected to Represent this town in the General Court, for the present year.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 8, 1809.

Voted, to accept of Elijah Kellogg as a Collector of Taxes in the room of Joseph Watson, about removing out of the Commonwealth, \* \* \*

Attest CALVIN MERRILL Clerk, Pro tem

Town Meeting December 7, 1809.

Voted, In pursuance of the third article, on the Petition of Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Esq<sup>r</sup> & others, praying for an alteration in the highway near his dwelling-house, to chuse a Committee of three persons to view the ground where the alteration is prayed for, and report their opinion thereof, at a future meeting; and that John Dickinson, Major Moses Hastings, and Colonel Elijah Dickinson be the Same Committee.

Voted \* \* \* that a Committee be chosen to rebuild the Bridge near Aaron Merrick's dwelling house, which Committee was filled with Aaron Merrick, Jarib White & Maj. Moses Hastings.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk



Town Meeting, April 2, 1810.

Samuel F. Dickinson, Town Clerk & Treasurer & sworn.

Col. Elijah Dickinson Maj. Moses Hastings Aaron Merrick L<sup>t</sup>. Chester Williams and Elijah Smith, Selectmen & sworn.

Capt. Timothy Henderson, Capt. Calvin Merrill, and Justus Williams Jr. Assessors—who were sworn. Zacheus Crocker Ingram, Constable & Collector of taxes, he bidding off the Collectorship for the sum of twelve Dollars and twenty five cents, and thereupon being chosen Constable.

Voted In pursuance of Article eighth, to accept the Report of the Committee appointed at the last December meeting, on the Petition of Ebenezer Mattoon Esq<sup>r</sup> and others, praying that the town would allow them the privilege of straightening their front fences, and of inclosing a strip of town land in front of their lands; which report is favorable to the Petitioners, and allows them, together with certain other persons therein named, for the sum therein severally expressed, to inclose each, a strip of town's land, in front of their possessions, particularly described and laid down in the same report; which report is on file, & is to be considered part of this record: and the lands therein described granted to the several persons therein named.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 2, 1810, for Governor.

His Excellency, Christopher Gore, Esquire, Two hundred & forty eight votes.

Hon. Elbridge Gerry, Esquire, twenty one,

His Honor, David Cobb, Esq<sup>r</sup> one

Hon. W<sup>m</sup> Gray, Esq<sup>r</sup> one vote.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

Town Meeting, May 7, 1810.

Voted to chuse two Representatives to the General Court the present year. And on balloting for the first, it appeared that Medad Dickinson, Esquire, had eighty four votes, which being a majority of all the votes given in he was declared to be chosen. And balloting for the second, it appeared that Deacon Elisha Smith had eighty five votes: which being a majority of all the votes given in, he was also declared to be elected.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, May 7, 1810.

The article in the warrant to see if the town are willing that Elias Smith with his estate should be taken from Hadley and annexed to Amherst, according to his petition to the General Court, being under consideration, it was Voted in the affirmative.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

Town Meeting, December 3, 1810.

Voted in pursuance of the third article in said warrant, to chuse a Committee of three, to consider the propriety & expediency of suffering Hosea Goodell & others, belonging to the South East school district, & living South of D<sup>n</sup> Nathan Franklins, to have their proportion of school money, the present year, to expend for schooling, in such manner as will best accommodate them: and also of suffer-





ing the same inhabitants to join with certain individuals of Hadley in forming a new school-district, and report at next April meeting—A committee was accordingly chosen, consisting of De<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, Col Elijah Dickinson, and Capt Timothy Henderson.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 1, 1811, for Governor.

His Excellency Elbridge Gerry Esq. twenty three votes

Hon. Christopher Gore Esq. Two hundred & fifteen votes

Hon. Caleb Strong Esquire, one vote

Chester Dickinson one vote.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk—

Town Meeting, April 1, 1811, Town affairs.

Samuel F. Dickinson Clerk & Treasurer & Sworn.

Col. Elijah Dickinson, Major Moses Hastings, Lt. Chester Williams, Aaron Merrick & Elijah Smith, Selectmen & Sworn.

Capt. Timothy Handerson, Capt. Calvin Merrill and Justus Williams Jr. Assessors & Sworn.

Chauncey Hamilton, Constable & Collector of taxes \* \* \* with bonds \* \* \* at the sum of thirteen dollars. \* \* \*

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk—

Town Meeting, May 6, 1811.

Voted In pursuance of the 2<sup>d</sup> article in the warrant, that the town are opposed to the annexing of the Bay road, so called, to Amherst, on any terms whatever; and that our Representatives, be accordingly instructed to oppose the same in the General Court.

Voted In pursuance of the third article in the warrant, That the people of this town are opposed to a division of the county of Hampshire; & that our Representative in the General Court, the present year, be instructed to use their influence against any division thereof.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, May 6, 1811.

Voted to chuse two Representatives in the General Court the current year—& by separate ballotings. Whereupon, after sorting and counting the votes of the first balloting; it appeared, that D<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith had a majority of all the votes given in: and that, after sorting & counting the votes of the second balloting, that Medad Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> had a majority of all the votes given—Those gentlemen were accordingly declared elected.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 9, 1811.

Voted. In pursuance of the fifth article: To chuse a Committee of three persons to Confer with the Committee of the town of Hadley chosen for that purpose, on the subject of setting Mount Hollick: so called, from Hadley to Amherst: & to report at an adjourned meeting: and Major Moses Hastings, Ensign Chester Smith, & D<sup>n</sup> Nathan Franklin were chosen to be said Committee.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.



Town Meeting, December 30, 1811.

Voted, in the negative, by the casting vote of the Moderator. The meaning of which is, that the town are willing that Mount Hollick, so called, should be annexed to Amherst, as prayed for by the Petition of Jn<sup>n</sup> Nutting & others to the General Court.

Voted Also to chuse two agents to meet at Belcherstown, on the first day of January next, with the Agents from other towns on the East side of Connecticut River in the county of Hampshire, to take into consideration what measures are necessary to be taken to prevent a further division of the county of Hampshire. Accordingly Hezekiah W. Strong & Samuel F. Dickinson were chosen.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 6, 1812. For Governor.

Hon. Caleb Strong Esquire had Two hundred & sixty seven votes

His Excellency, Elbridge Gerry, Esquire, had thirty votes.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 6, 1812.

Samuel F. Dickinson, Town Clerk & Treasurer, & Sworn.

Capt. Chester Williams, Aaron Merrick, Martin Baker, Chester Smith, & David Smith. Selectmen & Sworn.

D<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Jr. & Enoch Whiting Assessors.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

Town Meeting, May 4, 1812.

For Representative Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Esq<sup>r</sup>—101 votes

Simeon Strong Esq—88 votes

Voted. In pursuance of the fourth article, which was to hear the request of Perez Dickinson & others: and their request was that a new school district may be established near Clark's mills, so called: to chuse a Committee of three persons to consider the same, & report at some future meeting. \* \* \*

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk—

Town Meeting, June 29, 1812.

Voted, unanimously, excepting three dissenting votes, that the people of this town are opposed to a war with Great Britain, under present circumstances, as declared on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. by the Congress of the United States. And thereupon

Resolved, as the sense of this town. That Whereas it is the right of the Citizens of the United States, to assemble peacefully to consult on the public affairs of the country, and in a respectful manner to express their sentiments of public men & public measures; & whereas at times of great public calamity & distress, this right becomes a high & commanding duty.

We, the people of this town, being firmly attached to our Constitution & to the institutions of our fathers, do consider the late declaration of war by the Government of the United States against Great Britain, unnecessary, impolite & unjust: and we deem it our bounden duty to ourselves, to our Government and to the American people, as well as to posterity by all constitutional measures in our power, to avert those calamities & judgments, which a war undertaken under present circumstances and for such reasons as are before the public, cannot fail to bring upon us as a people, upon posterity, & upon our common Country.



Voted That the Selectmen return a respectful answer to the letter rec<sup>d</sup> from the Selectmen of Boston.

Voted \* \* \* delegates to convention at Northampton fourteenth day of July next to devise such further constitutional measures as may tend, at this momentous crisis of our affair to preserve blessings of peace to our beloved country." Accordingly the Hon Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon, Samuel Fowler Dickinson & Simeon Strong Esquire, were chosen for that purpose

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, September 14, 1812. To choose a Representative.  
For Capt. Timothy Henderson one vote  
Gideon Stetson Esquire two votes.  
Major Moses Hastings—one vote  
Samuel F. Dickinson forty nine votes, who was therefore declared elected.  
Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, September 14, 1812.

The question being under consideration whether the town are willing that Andrew Hyde & others, inhabitants of Pelham, should be annexed to this town for parochial purposes; agreeably to their petition to the Gen. Court, it was Voted in the affirmative.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

Town Meeting, January 28, 1813.

Voted. In pursuance of the third article; that the Representatives of this town in the General Court be instructed, to oppose in the General Court, the appropriations for building a Court house in this county; Unless the county should be obliged to build the county offices agreeably to the existing Laws.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 5, 1813.

For Governor, His Excellency, Caleb Strong, Esquire, had Two hundred & eighty eight votes—

Hon William Philips Esquire, had one vote—

Hon Joseph B. Varnum Esquire, had Seventy two votes.

Samuel F. Dickinson. Town Clerk & Treasurer. Sworn

Maj<sup>r</sup> Moses Hastings. Justus Williams Jr. Martin Baker, Capt. Calvin Merrill & Aaron Merrick, Selectmen, Sworn.

D<sup>n</sup> Elisha Smith, Perez Dickinson & Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Jr Assessors.

Jarib White, Constable & Collector of Taxes.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk—

Town Meeting, May 3, 1813. For the choice of Representatives.

On the first balloting it appeared, on sorting & counting the votes, that

Aaron Merrick had three votes

Simeon Strong, Esquire, seven votes—

Ebenezer Mattoon Jr forty nine votes &

Samuel F. Dickinson, one hundred & eight votes, which being a majority of all the votes given in, he was declared duly elected. On sorting & counting the votes, at the second balloting, they were, for



Capt. Calvin Merrill, one vote  
 Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Jr sixty five votes. &  
 Simeon Strong Esquire ninety nine votes, which being a majority of all  
 the votes given in, he was declared duly elected.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 7, 1813.

Voted In pursuance of the third article, to chuse an assessor in the room of  
 Perez Dickinson Deceased; and accordingly chose Capt. Calvin Merrill.

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Amherst, holden at  
 the school house in the West Middle district, on the third day of January in the  
 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, at six o'clock P. M.  
 Noah Webster, Esquire, was chosen Moderator, & under the several articles in the  
 warrant, which was, "To see whether the town, in the present alarming state of  
 our public concerns, will take any measures to obtain redress of the wrongs which  
 we suffer, to ward off the greater evils, which impend over us, under the present  
 system of embargo, taxation, & oppression of the General Government;" certain  
 resolutions expressive of the abhorrence of the people of the town against the war,  
 and their want of confidence in the Government of the United States, was unanim-  
 ously voted, ordered to be signed by the moderator, attested by the Town-Clerk,  
 & published in the *Hampshire Gazette*, which resolutions are on file, & to be con-  
 sidered part of this record.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 4, 1814.

For Governor, His Excellency, Caleb Strong Esquire, had Two hundred &  
 eighty seven votes

Hon Samuel Dexter Esq<sup>r</sup> had twenty two votes

Samuel F. Dickinson Town-Clerk & Treasurer & Sworn.

Col. Elijah Dickinson, John Eastman, Justus Williams Jr, Martin Baker, &  
 Leicut Enos Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Selectmen, Sworn.

Capt. Calvin Merrill, Capt. Timothy Handerson & Justus Williams Jr. Assess-  
 ors, Sworn.

Elijah Clark, Constable & Collector of taxes, \* \* \* for the sum of twelve  
 Dollars: \* \* \*

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, May 2, 1814. For Representatives.

On the first balloting,

Noah Webster Esq<sup>r</sup> had ninety nine votes, &

Simeon Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> one vote.

On the Second balloting,

Simeon Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> had ninety votes;

Noah Webster Esq<sup>r</sup> two votes

E. Mattoon Jr Esq<sup>r</sup> two votes

John Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> two votes, &

Samuel F. Dickinson five votes.





Accordingly Noah Webster & Simeon Strong Esquires, were declared to be elected Representatives, to the General Court for the current year; the meeting having voted to send two Representatives.

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 3, 1815.

For Governor, His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> had Two hundred & forty nine votes

Hon. Samuel Baxter Esq<sup>r</sup> had twenty votes

Samuel F. Dickinson, Town Clerk & Town Treasurer.

Col. Elijah Dickinson, John Eastman, Justus Williams Jr, Martin Baker, and Lt. Enos Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Selectmen.

Capt. Timothy Handerson, Capt. Calvin Merrill, & Justus Williams Jr Assessors—

Zacheus Crocker Ingram, Constable & Collector of taxes. \* \* \* for the sum of ten dollars & seventy five. \* \* \*

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, May 8, 1815. For Representatives.

For Aaron Merrick eighty two votes.

Noah Webster Esquire forty-five votes

Doctor Rufus Cowls twelve votes

Capt Chester Williams one vote &

Samuel F. Dickinson thirty five votes.

No person having a majority of all the votes, a second ballot was called for, & the votes were as follows: viz:

For Aaron Merrick eighty three votes.

Noah Webster Esquire, twenty nine votes

Doctor Rufus Cowls four votes &

Samuel F. Dickinson ten votes—And no choice.

Thereupon a third ballot was given in, & the votes were:

For Noah Webster Esquire Eighty nine votes

Aaron Merrick eighty four votes, &

Doctor Rufus Cowls one vote—

It therefore appearing, that Noah Webster Esquire had a majority of all the votes given in, he was accordingly declared to be elected.

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 2, 1816.

For Governor The Honorable John Brooks had two hundred and forty one votes

Hon Samuel Dexter Esq. twenty two votes

Samuel F. Dickinson Town-Clerk & Treasurer.

Col. Elijah Dickinson, John Eastman, Justus Williams Jr. Martin Baker, & Enos Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Selectmen. Sworn.

Capt. Timo. Handerson, Capt. Calvin Merrill, & Justus Williams Jr. Assessors. Sworn.

Zacheus C. Ingram, Constable & Collector of Taxes.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.



Town Meeting, May 13, 1816. For Representative.  
 Noah Webster Esq<sup>r</sup> twenty nine;  
 D<sup>r</sup> Rufus Cows, three.  
 Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Jr seventeen.  
 Samuel F. Dickinson, Ninety one, which being a majority of all the votes given in, he was declared to be elected.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 7, 1817. For Governor.  
 His Excellency John Brooks: two hundred & forty three  
 Hon Henry Dearbourn eighteen  
 Hon. James Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> one  
 Samuel F. Dickinson Town-Clerk & town treasurer & sworn by Noah Webster Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Calvin Merrill, Nathan Franklin, Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Jr. Enos Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> & Chester Dickinson. Selectmen & sworn.  
 D<sup>r</sup> Rufus Cows, Nathaniel C. Dickinson & Eben<sup>r</sup> Ingram, Assessors, sworn.  
 Zacheus C. Ingram, Constable & Collector of taxes.

Attest SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, May 5, 1817. For Representative.  
 For Doctor Rufus Cows one  
 Capt. Calvin Merrill one  
 Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Jr. two  
 Noah Webster Esq<sup>r</sup> one  
 Samuel F. Dickinson Sixty one, who was accordingly declared elected.  
 Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 8, 1817.  
 Voted in pursuance of the third article to accept the Report of the Committee appointed at last May Meeting, to make provision for the poor, either by building or hiring a house for that purpose; which report was, that they had hired a house and garden of Elijah Mathers for one year from the first tuesday of April next, for the accommodation of the Poor, on the condition in their indenture expressed, which indenture is on file, & to be considered a part of the record. \* \* \*

Voted in pursuance of Art. 4<sup>th</sup> to chuse a Committee of five, to consider & report to the next annual meeting, their opinion of the expediency of establishing one or more new burying grounds in town; and also of enlarging and fencing the old burying ground.

SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 6, 1818. For Governor.  
 For His Excellency John Brooks, Esquire, Two hundred & eleven votes  
 Benjamin Crowninshield Esq<sup>r</sup> twenty one votes  
 Samuel F. Dickinson. Town-Clerk & Treasurer—Sworn  
 Capt. Calvin Merrill, Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon Jr. & Enos Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor—Sworn  
 Capt. Calvin Merrill, Gideon Stetson & Nathaniel C. Dickinson Assessors—sworn.

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON, Town-Clerk.



Town Meeting, May 13, 1818. For Representative.

Major Moses Hastings three votes

D<sup>r</sup> Timothy J. Gridley fifty two votes

Samuel F. Dickinson fifty seven votes, which being a majority of the whole number, he was declared elected accordingly.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee on establishing two new burying grounds; \* \* \* one acre purchased of David Moody for eighty dollars reserving to him and his heirs the use of the same, for the purpose of pasturing sheep, etc. and also one acre of Martin Barker near his dwelling house at the same price, reserving the same privilege; is on file: \* \* \* and the two places above described are accordingly established for that purpose. \* \* \*

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 2, 1818. For Representative.

For the Hon. Samuel C. Allen Esquire, fifty eight,

Elihu Lyman Esquire, eight votes—

Thomas Longley Esq<sup>r</sup> one vote

Attest. SAMUEL F. DICKINSON, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 1, 1819.

Elijah Dwight, Town Clerk & Treasurer. Sworn

Enos Baker, Elijah Boltwood, Chester Dickinson, Aaron Merrick, & Timothy S Goodman, Selectmen, Sworn

Capt Calvin Merrill, Gideon Stetson, & Nath<sup>n</sup> C. Dickinson Assessors, sworn

Attest ELIJAH DWIGHT, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 5, 1819. For Governor.

His Excellency John Brooks had one hundred & ninety one Votes

Hon Benjamin Crowninshield had Twenty Six Votes

Attest ELIJAH DWIGHT, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, May 6, 1819. For Representative.

Gen Ebenezer Mattoon two votes

Doct Timothy J Gridley Sixty votes

Noah Webster Esq one hundred & nine votes such being a majority of the whole number he was declared elected accordingly.

Attest ELIJAH DWIGHT, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 6, 1819.

Voted In pursuance of the second article of the warrant, to proceed to fill the vacancies in the offices of Town Clerk and Treasurer—Elisha Smith jr was chosen Clerk, and Lt Ransom Dickinson Treasurer in the room of Elijah Dwight deceased; and both sworn in open meeting by the justices of the Peace then present—

Attest ELISHA SMITH JR Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 3, 1820. For Governor.

His Ex.<sup>y</sup> John Brooks one hundred & Ninety nine votes

Hon William Eustis thirty three votes

Attest ELISHA SMITH JR Town Clerk.



Town Meeting, April 3, 1820.

Elisha Smith Jr Clerk and sworn

Ransom Dickinson Treasurer and sworn

Chester Dickinson, Elijah Boltwood, Benoni Rust, George Nutting, Justus Williams Selectmen, sworn

Gideon Stetson, William Boltwood, Isaac Robins, Assessors, sworn

Attest

ELISHA SMITH JR Town Clerk

[The following meetings were held in the Second Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, May 15, 1820. For Representative.

For Samuel F. Dickinson Esq. one hundred and six votes

Noah Webster Esq. one vote—

Martin Baker one vote—

Dr Timothy J. Gridley one hundred and thirty one votes which being a majority of all the votes given in, he was accordingly declared elected—

Attest

ELISHA SMITH JR Town Clerk

Town Meeting, August 1, 1820. For Convention.

“Is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to meet in Convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth; the votes being given in sorted, counted recorded and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed were found to be as follows Viz. For said measure there were thirteen votes, Against said measure there were eighty one votes

Attest

ELISHA SMITH JR Town Clerk

Town Meeting, October 16, 1820. For choice of Delegates to Convention.

Voted. To choose two Delegates by Separate Ballots. On balloting for the first it appeared that the whole number of votes was one hundred and seventy two; of which Gen. Ebenezer Mattoon had one hundred and eighteen and was declared elected—

On balloting for the second it appeared that the whole number of votes was one hundred and eighty two; of which Mr Israel Scott had one hundred and seven and was also declared elected—

Attest

ELISHA SMITH JR Town Clerk

Town Meeting, December 4, 1820.

In pursuance of the third article the Selectmen made the following report—

That in pursuance of the direction of the town, they have examined the ground and have laid out a Road two Rods wide on the north side of the following line. Viz,—Beginning two rods south of the southwest corner of Justus Williams farm

Thence East  $8^{\circ} 30'$  South 154 Rods

Thence East — 14 Rods

Thence East  $8^{\circ} 30'$  South 284 Rods

Thence East  $50^{\circ}$ —South 96 Rods

Thence East  $29^{\circ} 45'$  South 36 Rods to Belchertown line The Selectmen further report that Moses Williams has engaged with the assistance of the Labour subscribed on the East side of Lawrence's Swamp to make 279 rods of said Road beginning at the east end or Belchertown line—That their estimate of the expence





of making the remainder of said Road, exclusive of the subscriptions is 175 Dollars—

That they have also allowed the following Damages Viz To Enos Cows 60 Dollars—

To Justus Williams 30 Dollars

Making a total of expence of 265 Dollars to be defrayed by the town—

All which is submitted

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| ELIJAH BOLTWOOD   | } | Selectmen<br>of Amherst |
| GEORGE NUTTING    |   |                         |
| BENONI RUST       |   |                         |
| CHESTER DICKINSON |   |                         |

Voted to accept the above report—

In pursuance of the fourth article the Selectmen made the following report—  
Viz—Minutes and return of a Town or private way this day laid out for the use of the town of Amherst by us the Subscribers, Selectmen of Said town, as follows: that is to say, Beginning at a Stake and Stones in Daniel Kelloggs land near Solomon M. Dickinsons Store and directly opposite to where the Sunderland Road intersects the present highway leading from Elijah Boltwoods to Leverett, running thence South forty one degrees East thirty six rods and twelve links to the Widow Colemans land, thence continuing the same course five rods and twelve links to William Dickinsons land thence continuing the same course seventy nine Rods to a walnut tree, thence South twelve degrees and thirty minutes East thirty two rods to the present highway near the lower end of Samuel F Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup>s Garden—said way to be two rods wide and to lie on the South side of said courses—

Dated at Amherst this second day of December A D, 1820

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| BENONI RUST       | } | Selectmen<br>of Amherst |
| CHESTER DICKINSON |   |                         |
| GEORGE NUTTING    |   |                         |
| JUSTUS WILLIAMS   |   |                         |

Attest ELISHA SMITH JR Town Clerk—

Town Meeting, December, 14, 1820.

Voted. To hear the agreement made by the Selectmen with the owners of the land occupied by the Road beginning near the dwelling house of Ebenezer Eames and ending near the dwelling house of Samuel F. Dickinson Esq.—

Voted to discontinue said Road—

Attest ELISHA SMITH JR Town Clerk—

Town Meeting, April 2, 1821.

For Governor His Excy John Brooks two hundred and seven votes

Hon William Eustis forty five votes

Elisha Smith Jr. Clerk, Ransom Dickinson—Treasurer both sworn by I. Conkey Esq

Chester Dickinson Josiah Warner Jr. Seth Nelson Nathaniel C. Dickinson & Hosea Goodale Selectmen Sworn

Gideon Stetson Isaac Robbins & Henry Weeks—Assessors sworn

Alden Cooley was chosen Constable of the town for the year, he agreeing to take the same with the Collectorship for the sum of two Dollars and fifty cents \* \* \*

Attest ELISHA SMITH JR Town Clerk



Town Meeting, May 17, 1821. For Representative.

For Samuel F. Dickinson Esqr ninety four votes

For Noah Webster Esq. one vote

For Aaron Merrick one vote

For Dea. Nathan Franklin one hundred and twenty six votes who was accordingly declared elected—

Voted also—That the Selectmen be, and they hereby are, directed to clear the incumbrances out of the Road which was laid out by the Selectmen and accepted by the town on the fourth day of December A. D. 1820 leading from Solomon M. Dickinson's store across Daniel Kelloggs, Widow Colemans and William Dickinsons land to the highway near Samuel F. Dickinson Esqrs Garden and to keep the way clear of the same

Attest ELISHA SMITH JR Town Clerk

Town Meeting, March 4, 1822.

Elisha Smith Jr. Clerk—Sworn by I. Conkey Esq.

Ransom Dickinson Treasurer—Sworn by Town Clerk

Chester Dickinson Asabel Thayer Jonathan Bridgman Andrew Hyde and Rufus Cows, Selectmen—Sworn—

Isaac Robbins Henry Weeks Elihu Belding Assessors—

Voted To set up at vendue to the lowest bidder the office of Constable and Collector. They were bid off to Alden Cooley who was thereupon chosen Constable and Collector, \* \* \* for two Dollars—

[Held at First Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, April 1, 1822.

For Governor His Excy John Brooks had one hundred and eighty votes

Hon William Eustis had thirty seven votes

Hon George Bliss one vote

Voted To excuse Alden Cooley from collecting the Taxes for the year 1821 and appoint Jay White in his place—

Voted To put up at vendue the office of Constable and Collector—They were bid off by Frederick A. Palmer \* \* \* for seventeen dollars \* \* \*

Attest ELISHA SMITH JR. Town Clerk

Town Meeting, May 6, 1822.

Voted To choose one Representative for the year ensuing—The votes being given in, sorted, and counted were found to be as follows Viz—For Dr Rufus Cows one vote—For Dea Nathan Franklin two votes For Samuel F. Dickinson Esq one hundred and thirty one votes For Aaron Merrick one hundred and fifty five votes who was declared elected—

Attest ELISHA SMITH JR Town Clerk—

[Held at Second Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, March 3, 1823.

Ebenezer Mattoon Jr was Chosen Town Clerk & sworn by I. Conkey Esq

Ransom Dickinson Treasurer sworn by I. Conkey Esq Chester Dickinson



Andrew Hyde Martin Baker Ebenezer Williams Zebina Hawley Selectmen sworn  
 Elihue Belding Isaac Robbins Aaron M Chandler Assessors—  
 Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 7, 1823. For Governor.  
 William Curtis one hundred and twenty seven votes  
 William Reed five votes  
 George Bliss one vote  
 Harrison Gray Otis one hundred and fourteen votes  
 Enos Baker one vote

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk

Town Meeting, May 5, 1823. For Representative.  
 Daniel Kellogg had eight votes Timothy J. Gridley had ninety eight votes  
 Isaac Robbins had one hundred and ninety one votes which being a majority of  
 the whole number he was declared elected accordingly.—

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk

Town Meeting, March 1, 1824.  
 Ebenezer Mattoon Jr Town Clerk Sworn—  
 Jay White Town Treasurer sworn—  
 Chester Dickinson Martin Baker Levi Jones Capt. Oliver Dickinson Rufus  
 Kellogg, Selectmen sworn  
 Elihue Belding David Moody Ransom Dickinson—Assessors sworn  
 Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 5, 1824. For Governor.  
 His excellency William Eustis had ninety eight votes—  
 The Honourable Samuel Lathrop had one hundred and seventy votes—  
 Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk

Town Meeting, May 10, 1824. For Representative.  
 Chester Dickinson had two votes  
 Andrew Hyde had four votes  
 Benoni Rust had three votes  
 Daniel Kellogg had one vote  
 Reubin Roberts had one vote  
 Timothy J. Gridley had one vote  
 Ebenezer Mattoon Jr had ninety six votes  
 Isaac Robins had one hundred and fifty five votes which being a majority of  
 the whole number he was declared elected accordingly—  
 Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk

Town Meeting, December 6, 1824.  
 Voted that for the future warrants for calling town meetings be posted at the  
 south Congregational Society in said Amherst  
 Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk



Town Meeting, March 1, 1825.

Ebenezer Mattoon Jr T. Clerk Sworn

Jay White Town Treasurer Sworn

Asahel Thayer Elijah Boltwood Jonathan Cows 2<sup>d</sup> Oliver Dickinson Levi Jones Sworn Selectmen

Gideon Stetson Isaac Robbins William Boltwood Assessors

Voted to chuse an agent to oppose the contemplated Road across Mount Holyoke to Granby line De<sup>cn</sup> Nathan Franklin be the above agent in that he employ Council if he thinks proper—

Elisha Tilden was Chosen Constable for the ensuing year

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk—

Town Meeting, April 3, 1825. For Governor.

Hon Levi Lincoln one hundred & eighty seven votes

Jonathan Eastman one vote

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk—

Town Meeting, May 4, 1825. For Representative.

Voted to chuse one Representative to the General Court the present year the Votes being given in sorted and counted were as follows Viz John Leland Jr had forty six votes—Ithamar Conkey Esq<sup>r</sup> had eleven votes—Chester Dickinson had twenty seven votes Timothy J. Gridley had twenty seven votes—Isaac Robins had six votes Benoni Rust had two votes Simeon Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> had one vote—D<sup>u</sup> Nathan Franklin had one vote—H. W. Strong Esq<sup>r</sup> had one vote no person having a majority of the whole votes there was no choice made

Voted to reconsider the above vote and not send any Representative—the Vote was accordingly reconsidered—

In pursuance of the second article of the warrant Isaac G. Cutler was chosen Treasurer to fill the vacancy of Jay White deceased sworn by Samuel F. Dickinson.

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk—

[Held at First Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, March 6, 1826.

Made choice of Ebenezer Mattoon Jr Town Clerk—Sworn

The Clerk being unable to perform the duties of the office made choice of Ithamar Conkey Town Clerk for this Meeting who is sworn by H. W. Strong Esq<sup>r</sup>

Made choice of Doct<sup>r</sup> Isaac G. Cutler Treasurer (Sworn) Made choice of the following other persons to the Several offices hereafter respectively annexed to their names and the following votes were passed, that is to say—

Elijah Boltwood, Jonathan Cows, Oliver Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> George Nutting and Zebina Dickinson, Selectmen who are all Sworn in open Town Meeting—

Gideon Stetson, Isaac Robins, and William Boltwood Assessors—who are all Sworn in open Town Meeting—

ITHAMAR CONKEY T. Clerk Pro. Tem.

[Held at Second Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, April 3, 1826. For Governor.

Samuel Hubbard had one hundred and four votes





His Excellency Levi Lincoln had fifty one Votes—Asahel Thayer had one Vote Martin Thayer had one vote.

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk—

Town Meeting, May 15, 1826. For Representative.

(Two ballots were cast and at the last)

Timothy J Gridley had fifty six votes which being a Majority of all the votes he was accordingly declared elected—

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk

[Held at First Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, September 14, 1826.

3<sup>d</sup> Article Voted that Samuel F. Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> be appointed an agent to superintend the suit Commenced against the Town of Amherst for not repairing the road between the North Meeting house in Amherst and Sunderland and Settle the same—

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk—

Town Meeting, December 4, 1826.

Article 3<sup>d</sup> Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen which is in words and form as follows—Viz We the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Amherst have laid out for the use of said town, a townway as follows :

Beginning at a Stake on the South side of the road beginning at Hadley line running east thirty nine degrees and forty five minutes South one hundred and two rods through Lands of Joseph Cows to intersect the County road leading from the north Meeting house in said Amherst to Hadley or school meadows. The above road is laid three rods wide, the above road to lay on the Northerly side of said Road we have agreed with Mr Joseph Cows to allow him forty Dollars damages—with the privilege of keeping one or more gates and at his own expence Elijah Boltwood Zebina Dickinson Jonathan Cows Selectmen of Amherst.

Article 4 Voted to direct the Constable to post up warrants at the North Meeting house in future—

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk—

[Held at South Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, March 7, 1827.

2<sup>d</sup> Made choice of Ebenezer Mattoon Jr. town Clerk Isaac G. Cutler Town Treasurer Jonathan Cows Zebina Dickinson—Selectmen—Sworn in open town meeting

Ransom Dickinson Aaron M. Chandler, David Moody—Assessors

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk

Adjourned Town Meeting, March, 1827.

Voted in pursuance of the 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the warrant in obedience to a Law of this Commonwealth past at the last Session of the General Court of this Commonwealth aforesaid to chuse three persons as a general School Committee—to carry into effect the Law aforesaid—



Voted that Elisha Smith Ebenezer Mattoon Jr and Reuben Roberts be the above Committee—

Voted That the committee to be chosen to superintend the Schools shall not have any compensation for their services.

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 2. 1827. For Governor.

His Excel Levi Lincoln had one hundred twenty Seven votes

His Hon<sup>r</sup> Thomas L Winthrop had an hundred and twenty seven votes

His Honor Marcus Morton had three votes.

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk

[Held at the Second Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, May, 1827.

Voted to send two Representatives to the General Court this year. [After nine ballots the meeting adjourned to May 14 when the following were elected] Lt Chester Dickinson and Samuel F. Dickinson Esq.

Town Meeting, May 7, 1828.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to examin into the expediency of straightening the line of the highway on the East side of the Common beginning at the South East corner of the Colledge yard to Graves & Fields Store and report at the next meeting—

Voted in pursuance of third article of the warrant to Chuse a Committee of three persons to examine into the claims of the petitioners as mentioned in the foregoing article and report at the next meeting Mr Gideon Stetson Lieutenant Enos Dickinson and Isaac Robins were accordingly Chosen—

Article 4 Voted to accept of the report of the Committee which is in words and form as follows (viz)

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Amherst appointed to view the line on the East side of the Common from the south West corner of the college lot, to Graves & Fields store, & report on the expediency of straightening the same, having examined the same—Report, that said line in our opinion ought to be straightened as follows, viz: beginning at the South West corner of the College lot, thence running North 12° East to stake at the top of the hill: thence North 4° East, in a straight line to the North west Corner of Miss Merrill door yard fence; thence North 4° 15" East to a popple tree in a line with the north side of Miss Jemima Montague dwelling house which alteration would in our opinion improve the appearance of the common, & be attended with no inconvenience to the public Elijah Boltwood Zebina Dickinson Jonathan Cows Selectmen of Amherst—  
Amherst May 14<sup>th</sup> 1827

Voted also in pursuance of the same Article that the Selectmen be a Committee to appraise and sel the land in front of the several persons land mentioned in the report and that they be allowed to purchase the same at their appraisal excepting that in front of the College buildings—

Attest EBENEZER MATTOON JR Town Clerk



Town Meeting, March 3, 1828.

1<sup>st</sup> Made choice of Ithamar Conkey Moderator

2<sup>d</sup> Made choice of Ithamar Conkey Town Clerk. Sworn and certificate on 11<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>d</sup> Made choice of Ithamar Conkey Town Treasurer Sworn

Elijah Boltwood, Jonathan Cows, Zebina Dickinson Nathaniel C. Dickinson and Ebenezer Williams Selectmen who are all Sworn in open town meeting by myself—Gideon Stetson, Jonathan Cows and George Nutting Assessors who are all Sworn in open Town Meeting by myself

Voted to choose ten fire wards for the year ensuing.

"The Selectmen were appointed a Committee to Straighten the line on the East side of the Common & dispose of the Land gained by the owners of lots fronting upon the road in consequence of the alteration in the line have performed the duties assigned them and now report,—

That they have established the line as follows; Beginning at a point two rods & four links West of the North west corner of Wid. Jemima Montagues house, thence S. 5° W. on land of Mrs Montague twelve rods to J. S. & C. Adam's land; thence East 14 links to the corner of Said Adam's shop; thence N. 5° East to a point 23 links E. of the first mentioned bound—thence W. to the first mentioned corner 23 links—the Said Boundaries include 89½ rods of Land which we have Sold to Edward Dickinson by consent of Mrs Montague for one Dollar and fifty cents per rod—Then beginning at the North west corner of said Adam's land, and running S. 5° W. 5 rods on their Land, to Mrs Merrills land, which include 28 1-5 rods of Land and that we have Sold to Said J. S. & C. Adams for two Dollars and Seventy five cents—Thence S. 5° W. on Mrs Merrills Land 11 rods & 12 links to the S. W. corner of her dooryard fence—thence S. 4° 30' West on Mrs Merrills land 11 rods & 12 links to David Warner's land—on Mrs Merrills front the line is carried back about half the length of it into her garden and the quantity of Land gained in the other part is so small & the expense of removing an almost new fence so great, that the Committee have thought proper to off set the land gained against the expense of removing the fence—Thence running S. 4° 30' W. on David Warner land 21 rods to Lucius Boltwood land, including 70½ rods of land which we have Sold to David Warner for one Dollar per rod,—Thence running S. 4° 30' W. on Lucius Boltwood, land 21 rods to the S. W. corner of the College yard, including 21 rods of land, which we have Sold to Lucius Boltwood for one Dollar & twenty five cents per rod,—Thence S. 4° 30' W. on the College land to the top of the hill 12 rods—thence S. 11° 30' W. twenty rods 10 links to the S. W. corner of the College land—

The Selectmen were also appointed a Committee upon this Petition of Edward Dickinson praying that the Town would Sell him the Land appropriated for the Pound; and after hearing his proposals, and viewing a piece of Land Shown to wit on the "New road," so called, now offer the following report;—That they rec<sup>d</sup> this proposition from him; "on condition that the Town will Sell him the land on which the Pound now Stands & the land attached to it, he offers to procure & convey to the Town a piece of Land on the "New road" aforesaid of Sufficient Size for the Pound, make a good bottom to it, remove the Pound & put it in as good repair as it is now in, & pay the Town the Sum of forty Dollars And we are of opinion that the place proposed is a Suitable one for the Pound & deeming it expedient to Sell the Land to Said Dickinson upon the terms proposed recommend to the Town to accept his offer & receive of him the Sum of forty Dollars for exchange of Lands—



Your Committee also were instructed to view the road leading from "Clarks Mills" so called to Hadley & see if any, & if any, what alterations were necessary to be made in the road as now travelled. They have attended to the business & report That the road was narrow, & at Some Seasons of the year dangerous to pass—And they have proceeded to widen it, and establish the line as follows (viz): Beginning at the S. E. corner of Simeon Clark's door yard; thence running S.  $32^{\circ}$  W. Six rods 12 links on said Clark's land to land lately owned by the heirs of Reuben Cows deceased, thence S.  $32^{\circ}$  West Sixteen rods to a Stake and Stones—thence S.  $41^{\circ}$  30' W. 17 rods to a Stake and Stones—thence S.  $33^{\circ}$  W 33 rods and 11 links to a Stake and Stones thence S.  $43^{\circ}$  W. 13 rods & 4 links to a Stake & Stones—taking from Simeon Clark, land about 3 rods, for which we agree to give him five dollars, and from Lucius Boltwoods land, 90 rods which we appraised at the rate of one hundred Dollars per acre,—

All which is respectfully submitted

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| ELIJAH BOLTWOOD  | } | Committee |
| ZEBINA DICKINSON |   |           |
| GEORGE NUTTING   |   |           |
| JONATHAN COWLS   |   |           |

March 3, 1828

ITHAMAR CONKEY Moderator

Town Meeting, April 7, 1828. For Governor.

His Excellence Levi Lincoln, had one hundred and twenty three votes—Charles Jackson had one vote Ithamar Conkey had one vote

Attest ITH'R CONKEY Town Clerk

Town Meeting, May 12, 1828. For Representatives.

Samuel F. Dickinson had one hundred and three votes which being a majority of the whole, he was declared elected—

Enos Dickinson had Ninety nine votes which being a majority he was also declared elected—\* \* \*

Attest ITHAMAR CONKEY Town Clerk

[Held at the First Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, September 22, 1828.

4<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to draw orders on the Treasurer to the amount of Six hundred and fifty Dollars, upon Interest after the first day of March next: to meet their contracts for building and repairing the bridges in Town—

Attest ITH'R CONKEY Town Clerk

#### DIVISION LINE, SHUTESBURY AND AMHERST

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Shutesbury and Amherst pursuant to a notice given to the Selectmen of Amherst by the Selectmen of Shutesbury, met and perambulated the line between Said Towns as follows (viz) Beginning at the S. W. corner of Shutesbury at a Stone marked on the N : S. and on the South, P. thence North to a Stake and Stones near the Isiah Adams house so called on a nole N. W. of said town, between said corners on Luther Henrys land





Marked tree with the initial letters of S<sup>d</sup> Towns opposite the Town, signify between S<sup>d</sup> tree and the North corner marked trees—  
Shutesbury Nov. 22, 1828.

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| WM REED            | } | Selectmen of         |
| GIDEON STETSON JR  |   | Shutesbury           |
| JONATHAN COWLS     |   | Selectman of Amherst |
| JOSEPH L. SMALLEGE |   | Surveyor             |

#### DIVISION LINE, AMHERST AND GRANBY.

We the subscribers Selectmen of Amherst and Granby have this twenty fourth day of Nov. 1828 met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Amherst, that being the most ancient Town for the purpose of perambulating and running the line and renewing the marks between Said Towns, and having attended that Service make return as follows (viz)—Beginning at a mountain oak in the notch of the mountain so called, thence east 23°, North 22 rods to a black oak tree marked and stones, thence E. 32°, N. 46 rods to a heap of Stones on the top of round hill so called, thence E. 29°, S. 62 rods to a white pine tree marked and Stones, thence E. 16°, No. 204 rods to a heap of Stones on the top of Williards nob so called, thence westwardly about 40 rods to a white oak staddle marked and Stones at the foot of the ledge, thence E. 12° N. 36 rods to a pine tree marked and Stones thence E. 35° S. 40 rods to a Stake and Stones, thence E. 12°, S. 64 rods to a black oak Staddle marked and Stones, thence E. 34°, N. 36 rods to a walnut Staddle marked and Stones, thence South eastward by about 40 rods to John Smith N. W. corner about 40 rods to a chestnut tree marked and Stones, thence E. 45°, S. 96 rods to a Staddle marked and Stones thence E. 22° N. 58 rods to a yellow tree marked and Stones, thence E. 30°, N. 46 rods to a yellow oak tree and Stones, thence E. 4°, S. 83 rods to a white oak tree marked and Stones, thence E. 19°, N. 65 rods to a walnut Staddle and Stones, thence E. 5°, N. 18 rods to a walnut Staddle and Stones thence E. 7°, S. 36 rods to a Stake and Stones, thence E. 116 rods to the County road near Mr Towers thence East to Belchertown line to a Stone monument.

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| NATHANIEL C. DICKINSON | } | Selectmen  |
| EBENEZER WILLIAMS      |   | of Amherst |
| CHESTER SMITH          | } | Selectmen  |
| SAMUEL TOWER           |   | of Granby  |

Town Meeting, January 7, 1829.

Voted to choose an agent to oppose the laying a road mentioned in the Second Article in the warrant, from Hadley to Amherst, and made choice of Ithamar Conkey. Said Agent.

Attest, ITH'R CONKEY, Town Clerk.

[Held at First Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, March 2, 1829.

Made choice of Ithamar Conkey Town Clerk, who is sworn before Isaac Robins Esq<sup>r</sup> and a certificate is filed.

Made choice of Ithamar Conkey Treasurer.

Voted to choose five Selectmen, and made choice of Elijah Boltwood Zebina Dickinson. Jonathan Cowls. Nathaniel C. Dickinson and Ebenezer Williams.



Voted to choose three Assessors, and made choice of Elijah Boltwood, Nathaniel C. Dickinson and Chester Dickinson.

Attest ITH'R CONKEY Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 6, 1829, for Governor.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln forty one votes

Hon. Marcus Morton Seventeen votes

Hon. Samuel C. Allen thirty four votes

Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop one vote

Attest ITHAMAR CONKEY Town Clerk

Town Meeting, May 11, 1829, for Representative.

Samuel M. Worcester one hundred and fifteen votes

Zebina Dickinson sixty votes

Ithamar Conkey twenty three votes

Osmyn Baker thirteen votes

Attest ITHAMAR CONKEY, Town Clerk

[Held at Second Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, June 1, 1829.

Voted to release all the right title and Interest which the Town have in the land upon which the old road is laid between the Second Parish Meeting house, and the house of Elijah Boltwood in case a new road shall be laid out and established between those points, and on condition that the Town shall not in the event be compelled to pay expence of the new road, and on condition that good bonds be left with the Town Treasurer before the land is taken, to indemnify the Town against all the expences of making the new road;—And that the Selectmen be authorized to release Said Lands to those persons who own land in the rear for a fair consideration, if they will purchase it, if not, then to dispose of it to any one else, for the benefit of the new road—and provided also that the new road be made to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

Attest ITHAMAR CONKEY Town Clerk

#### HADLEY AND AMHERST DIVISION LINE AND MONUMENTS—

Hadley Nov. 11. 1829. This certifies that the Selectmen of the Towns of Hadley and Amherst agreeable to previous appointment met and erected a Stone Monument in Sunderland South line and for Hadley North east and Amherst North west corners; thence Southerly perambulating an old line ranging between 10<sup>0</sup> & 12<sup>0</sup> West of South to David Smith South west corner (as we supposed) where they erected a Stone Monument near a pine Stump, then easterly on David Smith South line to an angle in the Same near a Swamp, and about fifty rods from the road leading from Sunderland to Amherst where we erected a Stone Monument—thence Southerly about 11<sup>2</sup> West of South ranging with an old ditch to the North East corner of land of the late Elias Smith—where we erected a Stone monument, thence Westerly on Said Smith North line Sixteen rods and three links, where we erected a Stone Monument, thence Southerly passing 10 rods west of Smith buildings to the South line of the Lot where we erected a stone Monument thence easterly, on his South line 16 rods & 3 links to the Ancient Town line, where we erected



a Stone Monument, thence Southerly on the old line to the Middle road to a large oak upon the South Side thereof, thence continuing Same course across Mill river and the new road to a Stake and Stones, on the north side of the bay road where we erected a Stone Monument, thence upon the Same Side of the road to a Stone Monument which we erected in front of the Abbe house, thence Southerly 1° 30' East of South to the top of the Mountain to a Tree Marked—

Attest NATHAN P. FLETCHER Surveyor—

[Held at Second Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, March 1, 1830.

Made choice of Lucius Boltwood Clerk—who was sworn before Ithamar Conkey Esqr & a certificate filed—Voted & chose Lucius Boltwood Treasurer, \* \* \* Voted & chose Elijah Boltwood, Ebenezer Mattoon Jr. William Kellogg, Enos Dickinson & David Dexter Selectmen

Voted & chose Elijah Boltwood, Chester Dickinson & James Kellogg Assessors.

Voted To set up the Collectorship to the lowest bidder with the understanding that the person bidding it off be chosen Constable \* \* \* It was accordingly set up & struck off to Horace Smith for twenty eight Dollars

Attest LUCIUS BOLTWOOD Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 5, 1830. For Governor.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln had one hundred & five votes

Hon. Marcus Morton twenty eight votes

Hon Francis C. Bates three votes

Hon. Samuel C. Allen one vote

Asahel Thayer Esq one vote

Attest LUCIUS BOLTWOOD Town Clerk

Town Meeting, May 3, 1830. For Representative.

Zebina Dickinson had one hundred & sixty six votes

Isaac G. Cutler had one hundred & sixty four votes

Ithamar Conkey had one hundred & fifty four votes

Osmyn Baker had one hundred & thirty six votes

Zebina Dickinson & Isaac G. Cutler having a majority of all the votes were declared to be elected—

Attest L BOLTWOOD Town Clerk

Town Meeting, November 23, 1830.

Voted To instruct the Representatives of this town in the General Court to use their endeavors to obtain an explanation of the Laws imposing taxes on Students in the Colleges in this Commonwealth, in towns where Colleges are situated; & also of the Laws relating to their right of voting in such towns—

Attest L. BOLTWOOD, Town Clerk.

[Held at First Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, March 7, 1831.

Voted & chose Lucius Boltwood Clerk.



Voted & chose Elijah Boltwood, David Dexter Enos Dickinson Ebenezer Mattoon Jr. & William Kellogg Selectmen.

Voted & chose Elijah Boltwood, Chester Dickinson, & James Kellogg Assessors.

Voted Collector & Constable \* \* \* to Horace Smith for thirty seven Dollars.

Attest L BOLTWOOD, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 4, 1831, for Governor.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln had seventy five votes

——— Lincoln had thirty one votes

Marcus Morton had Sixteen votes

Henry Shaw had four votes

Charles D. Gale had three votes

Samuel Lathrop had seven votes

John S. Adams had one vote

Attest L BOLTWOOD Town Clerk

[Held at Second Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, May 11, 1831, for Representative.

John Leland Esq<sup>r</sup> had sixty four votes

Zebina Dickinson had sixty four votes

Ithamar Conkey Esq<sup>r</sup> had thirty two votes

Abiatha Winter had eight votes

Enos Dickinson had eighteen votes

Eben<sup>r</sup> Mattoon J<sup>r</sup> had one vote

Asahel Thayer had one vote

Attest LUCIUS BOLTWOOD Town Clerk

Town Meeting, November 14, 1831, for Governor.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln had one hundred and twenty six votes

Hon. Samuel Lathrop had forty seven votes

Hon. Marcus Morton had nine votes

For Representative.

Zebina Dickinson had ninety two votes

Oliver Dickinson the second had one hundred and fifty eight votes

John Leland had ninety seven votes

Timothy J. Gridley had three votes

Ithamar Conkey had six votes

Osmyn Baker had two votes

Solomon K. Eastman had one vote

James Kellogg had two votes

Attest L BOLTWOOD Town Clerk

Town Meeting, December 5, 1831.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to examine & report at a future meeting whether the Town ought to allow the owners of the Mill Hollow-Mills, & if so on what terms to cut a canal across the highway so that they may erect their mill below the bridge.

Attest L BOLTWOOD Town Clerk





[Held at the Vestry of the Brick Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, March 5, 1832.

1st made choice of Osmyn Baker Esq, Moderator. The meeting was then opened with prayer by the Rev Dr Humphrey—And the statutes against profane cursing & swearing were read by the Clerk

Voted & chose Lucius Boltwood Treasurer

Voted & chose Elijah Boltwood, Chester Dickinson, Solomon K. Eastman, Ebenezer Williams & Jonathan Bridgman Selectmen.

Voted & elected Elijah Boltwood, Zebina Dickinson & James Kellogg Assessors

Voted That the Selectmen draw on the Treasury for fifty Dollars, due Cutler & Gridley by contract, for vaccinating the Inhabitants of Amherst, when in their opinion said contract is fulfilled

Voted That Cutler & Gridleys Bill for attending persons sick with small pox be referred to the Committee on accounts—

Attest L BOLTWOOD Town Clerk

Town Meeting, November 12, 1832. For Governor.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln had one hundred & forty six votes

Hon. Samuel Lathrop had Seventy nine votes

Hon. Marcus Morton had forty three votes

Attest L BOLTWOOD Town Clerk

Town Meeting, November 12, 1832. For Representatives.

On the third ballot Daniel Dickinson had one hundred and twelve votes and was declared chosen—

Attest L BOLTWOOD Town Clerk—

Town Meeting, December 10, 1832.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to consider the expediency of permitting the common North of the College Hill, to be enclosed, the best method of doing it, & report thereon at the next meeting—

Attest L BOLTWOOD Town Clerk

Town Meeting, March 4, 1833.

Voted & chose Lucius Boltwood Town Clerk

Voted & chose Lucius Boltwood Town Treasurer

Voted & chose Solomon K. Eastman, Nathaniel C. Dickinson, Jonathan Cows, Luke Sweetzer & Asahel Thayer, Selectmen.

Voted & chose Daniel Dickinson, Rufus Kellogg & Oliver Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> Assessors.

Voted Collector & Constable Horace Smith for thirty seven Dollars.

Voted to raise seven hundred and seventy Dollars, to purchase land to be added to the Center Burying Ground and fencing the same.

Attest L BOLTWOOD Town Clerk

[Held at the Second Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, April 1, 1833.

Voted To refer to the Gen. School Committee the power of retaining or excluding Webster spelling Book, as they shall deem expedient



Voted Therefore that the Selectmen be authorized to contract with such individuals to inclose said Common as will do it in the most favorable Terms, and in such manner as they, the Selectmen, shall deem expedient, such improvements to be made thereon as the Selectmen shall approve.

Attest L BOLTWOOD Town Clerk

Town Meeting, August 29, 1833.

Voted To authorize the Selectmen to put up to the lowest bidder the making of the road, over Mount Holyoke to Granby line, recently established.

Attest L BOLTWOOD Town Clerk

[Held at the Vestry of the Brick Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, November 11, 1833. For Governor.

Hon. John Davis had one hundred and twenty three votes.

Hon. Samuel C. Allen had one hundred & seven votes.

Hon. Marcus Morton had thirty eight votes.

Hon. John Quincy Adams had thirty seven votes.

Hon. Samuel Lathrop had two votes.

Voted To elect three Representatives. The whole number of votes were two hundred & twenty three of which Elijah Boltwood had one hundred & seventy votes, and Osmyn Baker Esqr. had one hundred & eighty nine votes, which being a majority of the whole number, said Gentlemen were declared to be elected.

Attest. L. BOLTWOOD, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 3, 1834.

Voted & elected Lucius Boltwood Town Clerk.

Voted & elected Lucius Boltwood Treasurer.

Voted & chose Thomas Hastings, Chester Dickinson, Lucius Dickinson, Jonathan Rice and Aaron M. Chandler, Selectmen.

Voted & chose Ebenezer Williams, Alfred Baker & Martin Baker assessors

Voted Collector & Constable to Seth Nims for forty eight Dollars.

Attest. L. BOLTWOOD, Town Clerk.

[Held at the Second Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, May 19, 1834.

Voted to appoint two agents to appear before the County Commissioners & oppose the location of a new road, commencing near the late dwelling house of Theodore Lyman deceased & running to Hadley line.

Attest. L. BOLTWOOD, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 10, 1834. For Governor.

His Excellency John Davis had two hundred & eight votes.

Hon. Marcus Morton had fifteen votes.

Hon. Samuel C. Allen had thirty eight votes.

Hon. John Bailey had thirty votes.

Voted to elect three Representatives, Ebenezer Williams & Reuben Roberts having the requisite number of votes were declared elected. A second ballot being



called for Elijah Boltwood had a majority of all the votes & was declared elected.

Attest. L. BOLTWOOD, Town Clerk.

[Held at East Parish Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, December 1, 1834.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to lay out a Town road from the North West corner of David Parsons, garden south by the dwelling house of Aaron Belding to Mrs. Shephards & thence East to the County road, agreeably to the wish of the petitioners.

Attest. JOHN S. ADAMS, Clerk Pro. Tem.

[Held at the Vestry of the Brick Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, March 2, 1835.

Voted & chose John S. Adams Town Clerk

Voted & chose John S. Adams Treasurer.

Voted. That it be a standing rule for the Treasurer to give bonds to the acceptance of the Town for the faithful discharge of their duties.

Voted & chose Zebina Hawley, W. S. Howland, Lucius Dickinson, Daniel Dickinson, Eleazer Gaylord, as Selectmen.

Voted & chose, Elijah Boltwood, Oliver Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> and Jonathan Cows, assessors.

Voted Collector & Constable Seth Nims, for Forty five Dollars seventy-five cents.

Voted To recommit the Report of the Selectmen in reference to the road running from David Parsons to Mrs. Shephards to the Selectmen, with instructions to lay the same straight through, to the road leading from Amherst to Hadley viz. through Prof. Peck's land.

Attest. JOHN S. ADAMS, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, September 2, 1835.

Voted That the report of the Selectmen in reference to laying the road from David Parson's to the road leading from the brick meeting house in Amherst to Hadley, through the land of Prof. Peck, be accepted. (which see on file).

Attest. JOHN S. ADAMS, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 9, 1835. For Governor.

For Hon. Edward Everett Two hundred and nine.

Marcus Morton Sixty nine.

Samuel T. Armstrong Five

John T. Armstrong one.

Voted to Elect three Representatives for the present year—George Nutting had one hundred and forty four and was declared elected. A second ballott was called for Osmyn Baker & Martin Baker having a majority of all the votes were declared elected.

Attest. JOHN S. ADAMS, Town Clerk.

[Held at the Vestry of the Brick Meeting House.]

Town Meeting, March 5, 1836.

Voted & Chose Russell T. Wheelock Town Clerk.



Voted & Chose Russell T. Wheelock Town Treasurer.

Voted & Chose Alfred Baker, Enos Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup>, Salvador Andrews, Leonard M. Hills, & Ezra Ingram, Selectmen.

Voted & Chose Elijah Boltwood, James Kellogg, and Solomon K. Eastman, Assessors.

Voted & Chose Seth Nims Collector & Constable for forty nine dollars.

R. T. WHELOCK, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 14, 1836. For Governor.

His Excellency Edward Everett had two hundred and eighty three.

Hon. Marcus Morton had seventy five votes.

For Representatives, Ebenezer Mattoon Jr. had two hundred & ninety two votes Enos Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup> had two hundred and twenty five votes, Osmyn Baker Esq. had two hundred & twenty three votes.

To see what order the town will take on this petition for a road leading from Sunderland line to Dr. Rufus Cows Store

Voted To appoint an Agent to appear before the County Commissioners and oppose the location of the above petitioned for road.

Voted & Chose Ithamar Conkey Esq. Agent.

Attest. R. T. WHELOCK, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 6, 1837.

Voted & Chose Samuel C. Carter Town Clerk

Voted & Chose, Samuel C. Carter Town, Treasurer.

Voted & Chose, Alfred Baker, Leonard M. Hills, Ezra Ingram, Enos Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup>, Salvador Andrews, Selectmen.

Voted & Chose, James Kellogg, Chester Dickinson and Robert Cutler, Assessors.

Voted & Chose Frederick A. Palmer Constable.

Voted To set up Collectorship, struck off to Albin P. Howe at fifty seven dollars.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on the road laid by Doct. Sellon.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, May 8, 1837.

Voted that this town agrees to recover from the Treasurer and Receiver General of the Commonwealth, it proportions the Surplus and Revenue of the United States, on deposit and will comply with the terms and provisions of the several Acts, passed by the Legislature of said Commonwealth, concerning the deposite of the Surplus Revenue.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 13, 1837. For Governor.

His Excellency Edward Everett had Three hundred and fifty nine votes.

Hon. Marcus Morton had fifty one votes

Samuel Hubbard had one vote.

Voted. To elect two Representatives for the present year, Eleazer Kellogg and Edward Dickinson having the requisite number of votes, were declared elected.

Voted That the subject of a Poor House be recommitted to the committee on that subject & report at a future meeting, the probable expence of a farm &c





that will answer for the poor of this town, and whether one can be obtained, & also the expence of this town if united with the other towns, and also to report whether it will be expedient to unite with other towns.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, February 29, 1838.

On hearing the report of the Committee, appointed at the last meeting, for to purchase a farm, for the Town it was Voted Not to accept the Report of the Committee.

Voted That the whole subject on the Poor Farm be recommitted to the Selectmen, with all the Authority contained in the vote at the last meeting, and they are further authorized to consider the subject in reference to the Vinton Farm, and take counsel, as to the contract made by the Committee, and if they are satisfied that the town is hoiden by the contract, so to report to the town at the next annual meeting.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 5, 1838.

Voted and Chose Samuel C. Carter Town Clerk.

Voted and Chose S. C. Carter Town Treasurer.

Voted to choose five Selectmen and made choice of Alfred Baker, Ezra Ingram, Oliver Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup>, Nelson Rust and Frederick A. Palmer.

Voted and made choice of James Kellogg, Chester Dickinson and Charles Adams as Assessors.

Voted and chose Frederick A. Palmer Constable.

Voted and chose Albin P. Howe, Collector, for Fifty Dollars.

The Selectmen submitted their report upon the Vinton farm (so called) after the reading of which it was

Voted To accept the farm and pay for it, according to the report of the Committee.

Voted That the whole subject for the support of the poor for the year ensuing, and the farm, be referred to the Selectmen, and to report at the meeting on the first Monday of April next.

Voted To purchase an Engine, 87 in favor 41 against.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to repair the two old Engines, provided the proprietors of them will give them to the town.

Voted To raise Twelve Hundred Dollars for the purchase of an Engine and apparatus and for the repairs of the old engine, 53 in favor 24 Nays.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 2, 1838.

Voted To rescind the vote passed at the March Meeting, in reference to the purchasing of an Engine, so far as that Eight hundred dollars, instead of twelve hundred dollars, be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

Town Meeting, April 19, 1838.

Voted not to accept the report of the Selectmen respecting the farm and the support of the Poor the year ensuing.

Voted That Simeon Clark, I. Robbins, A. Merrick, I. Conkey, George Nut-



ting, Daniel Dickinson, Enoch Cowles and S. C. Carter act as a committee to define the several school Districts in this town.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to pay for the farm from the fund of the Surplus Revenue.

Voted to support the Poor on the farm system after present year.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

*No. 1. West Centre District.* Commencing at the stone bridge, South of Prof. Snell's house, thence northerly to the stone bridge, south of S. K. Eastmans on the Leverett road, and the Sunderland road to Oliver Coles South line, Also from Hadley line on the west, running East to the east corner of the cross road near the town pound and including said road and also to the east line of Mr. Joseph Dickinson's farm.

*No. 2. East Centre District.* Commencing at Morton's bridge so called on the east street, thence northerly on said street, to the north line of Deacon Hawley farm, including the Pelham road, to Pelham line, and the log town road, to the Belchertown line,—also from the East street, west to the east corner of the cross road near the town pound and also Joseph Dickinson's lane so called to the east line of said Dickinson's farm.

*No. 3. South Centre District.* Commencing at Oliver Nash's south line on the east road and the bridge south of Lucius Dickinson's house on the middle road, thence northerly to Morton's bridge on the east road to the bridge and to the bridge at the foot of Coy's hill on the middle road, thence from the middle road, on the two roads running to Plum brook. Also the new road from the South Parish Meeting House to Belchertown line, thence on the Mill lane to a bridge nearly equidistant from East to West Street.

*No. 4. North East District.* Commencing at the North line of Deacon Hawley farm on the east street thence northerly to Leverett line by Daniel Dickinson's including all of the territory east of said road to Shutesbury line, also commencing south on the middle road at the Stone bridge south of S. K. Eastman's thence northerly to the Guide Board north of Martin Bakers thence Westerly to the hill east of Alexander's. Also from the said Guide Board by Jones' Factory to an oak tree, where it intersects the road leading from Ephraim Cushman's to the west Street. Also from said oak tree east to said Cushman's. Also from the aforesaid Guide Board northerly to Lewis L. Draper's.

*No. 5. North West District.* Commencing at Sunderland line North and running south to Oliver Coles South line including the new and old road. Thence commencing on the Hadley line on the West and running east on the Shutesbury road to the hill east of Alexander's house, and from the oak tree north of the factory to the West Street.

*No. 6. South West District.* Commencing at the middle road on the bay road and running on the bay road to Hadley line. Thence on the west street north to the north line of the Gilbert farm and including all the road from Plum Brook to Hadley line.

*No. 7. Mill Valley District.* Commencing at the North line of the Gilbert farm, and at the bridge at the foot of Coy's hill and running north to the Stone bridge south of Prof. Snell's, including the road from the bridge equidistant from the east and west street on Mill lane to Hadley line.



No. 8. *South East District.* Commencing at the Belchertown line and running to the road which passes by Lucius Dickinson's, thence on the County road by Isaac Robbins to Oliver Nash's south line, including Mr. Hammond and Mr. Hunt.

Dec. 12, 1842. Voted. That A. P. Merrick be sett off Dist. No. 6 to District No. 7.

At a Town Meeting June 5, 1843. It was voted that District No. 7 should run north to Prof. Hitchcock's north line and also to the north line of Widow Jerusha Dickinsons.

Dec. 2<sup>d</sup>, 1844. Voted that Joshua Roberts be sett off from District No. 2 to District No. 4.

May 7, 1845. Voted to establish the line between No. 4 and No. 5.

Town Meeting, November 12, 1838. For Governor.

Edward Everett had three hundred and thirty seven votes.

Marcus Morton had one hundred and five votes.

For Representatives. Edward Dickinson and Oliver Dickinson 2<sup>d</sup>, having the requisite number of votes were declared elected.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 4, 1839.

Voted and Chose S. C. Carter Town Clerk.

Voted and Chose S. C. Carter Treasurer.

Voted to Choose five Selectmen, Enos Dickinson Simeon Clark, Charles Adams, Charles Roberts and Thomas Hastings.

Voted and made choice of James Kellogg, Chester Dickinson and Charles Adams as Assessors.

Voted and chose Wright D. Kellogg Constable.

Voted and chose A. P. Howe Collector—for Forty Dollars.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding Twelve Hundred Dollars from Surplus Revenue Fund, for the purpose of placing the Buildings on the town farm in repair and for the purpose of Stock and farm utensils, and the Poor be placed on the farm under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor.

Voted that the balance of the Surplus Revenue Fund be appropriated and applied to the payment of the debts of the town.

Voted to allow the fire department their Poll taxes.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 11, 1839. For Governor

Edward Everett had three hundred and seven votes.

Marcus Morton had one hundred and seventeen votes.

Lucius Boltwood had one vote.

For Representatives, Ebenezer Mattoon Jr. had two hundred and four votes. Charles Adams had one hundred and ninety eight votes, were declared elected.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 2, 1840.

Voted and Chose S. C. Carter Town Clerk.

Voted and chose S. C. Carter Treasurer.



Voted to choose five Selectmen and made choice of Luther Nash, Eleazer Kellogg, Cotton Smith, Seth Nims and Willard M. Kellogg.

Voted, and made choice of James Kellogg, Chester Dickinson and Ebenezer Williams as Assessors.

Voted and chose Z. Crocker Ingram collector, for fifty seven Dollars.

Voted That all future town meetings be warned by posting an attested copy of the warrant on the four Congregational and Baptist Meeting houses in this town seven days before the time of holding said meetings, and that all former votes on this subject be rescinded.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

June 15, 1840. The whole number of inhabitants, taken by Census May 1, 1840 was Twenty Five Hundred and Fifteen.

The whole number of inhabitants of the town of Amherst as taken for the U. S. Marshall was 2551.

True value of real and personal estate in 1840 was \$885,033.

No. Polls, ratable, 16 years and upwards 577

" " not taxed nor supported by town 35

" " supported by the town 3

Length of the roads in the town of Amherst as surveyed by Capt. Simeon Clark Sept., 1840.

|                              | miles | rods |                         |
|------------------------------|-------|------|-------------------------|
| West Street                  | 9     | —    | from top of Mountain.   |
| East Street                  | 7     | 160  | " Bay road              |
| Bay road                     | 4     | —    |                         |
| Road by Tower's              |       | 160  |                         |
| by Lucius Dickinson          | 2     | 160  |                         |
| Potwines Lane                | 1     | 20   |                         |
| from South Parish to Hadley  | 1     | 200  |                         |
| Do. to Logtown               | 2     | —    |                         |
| by T. Hastings to Do.        | 1     | 240  |                         |
| East Street to Hills         | 1     | 40   |                         |
| " " to Pelham                | 1     | 60   |                         |
| " " to Shutesbury            |       | 240  |                         |
| Mill Valley to Hadley        |       | 260  |                         |
| West Meeting House to Hadley | 1     | —    |                         |
| Old road to Hadley           |       | 240  |                         |
| North Parish to Hadley       | 1     | 20   |                         |
| " " to Leverett              | 1     | 120  |                         |
| P. Ingrams to Do.            |       | 280  |                         |
| " to City                    | 1     | —    |                         |
| " to Shutesbury              | 1     | 80   |                         |
| N. Parish to City            | 1     | 80   |                         |
| to Factory road              |       | 280  |                         |
| City to West Street N. R.    | 1     | 80   |                         |
| from Wheelocks to the City   | 2     | 40   |                         |
| O. Cows lane                 |       | 200  |                         |
| J. Strongs lane              |       | 280  |                         |
| West to East Street          | 1     | —    |                         |
| Eames road—triangle          |       | 160  |                         |
| Billings lane                |       | 280  |                         |
| Mill lane                    |       | 280  | Total 51½ miles of road |





Town Meeting, November 9, 1840. For Representative.

Samuel C. Carter having received the required number of votes was declared to be elected.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 7, 1840.

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized to convey to the Trustees of Amherst College, by quit claim deed so much of the common in front of the College lot, as is not wanted for the purposes of a highway, upon the terms and conditions specified in this petition of the prudential Committee of said trustees.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, T. Clerk.

Copy of the petition of the prudential committee of Amherst College, presented and acted upon at a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Amherst held on the seventh of Dec. 1840.

The undersigned in behalf of the College would respectfully present to the town of Amherst a petition for license to use the Hill in front of the College for College purposes.

The Hill in its present condition is well known to be deformed and inconvenient. Being a conspicuous object it has been supposed by strangers to furnish evidence of a want of taste and enterprise on the part of the college and of the town and is thus a standing reproach to both. The students who pass over it, to and from their meals six times a day, the Faculty, the Trustees in their annual visits, the benefactors and friends of the Institution and the inhabitants of the place, all unite in viewing it with a common feeling of dissatisfaction. The parents of the young men who join the Institution and the young men themselves in their first impressions are disgusted with its deformed appearance and thus in some degree at the outset are disgusted with the College and the town. They regard it as the index of the character of each.

What is thus now useless and worse than useless and a deformity and a reproach to the College and the Town, may be made usefull and ornamental and creditable to both. It is needed by the College as the best place for an observatory to be erected for Astronomical and philosophical purposes. In the want of such a building some of the apparatus now in possession can not be used. Instead of being inconvenient and awkward, it will if put into shape be easy of access, convenient and gracefull. By being smothed in all part of it, and planted with trees and protected by a fence and covered with green-sward and fitted up with walks it may be made a pleasant spot attractive to transient travellers, to visitors and to students about to enter College. It cannot reasonably be expected by anyone that the College, in its poverty, will employ the expense and the labor necessary for accomplishing these desirable improvements, unless it can be secured in the peaceable possession of the Hill when thus improved. This security the town we think will cheerfully grant on condition that only so much of the eastern side of the common as is not needed for a highway shall be occupied by the college and that the part thus relinquished by the town, shall be used only for College purposes. Your petitioners would therefore respectfully request that the Inhabitants of the town of Amherst at their present meeting would authorize the Selectmen to relinquish to the Trustees of Amherst College, their rights in the common in front of the College lot.



excepting so much as is needed for a highway, with permission to improve, enclose ornament and use the same for College purposes and no other.

Amherst, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1840

H. HUMPHREY } Prudential  
LUKE SWEETZER } Committee  
DAVID MACK JR }

A true copy,

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the town of Amherst held on Monday the twenty first day of December A. D. 1840 Newton Fitch was appointed by said selectmen Town Clerk and Treasurer during the absence of S. C. Carter in pursuance of the statute in such cases made and provided.

Attest. NEWTON FITCH, Town Clerk, Pro Tem.

Town Meeting, March 1, 1841.

Voted and Chose S. C. Carter, Town Clerk.

Voted and Chose S. C. Carter, Treasurer.

Voted Simeon Clark, Oliver Watson, Seth Nims, Eleazer Kellogg and William Merrick, Selectmen.

Voted and made choice of R. T. Wheelock, Rufus Kellogg and Lucius Dickinson as Assessors.

Voted and chose F. A. Palmer, Constable.

Voted That the Treasurer act as Collector of taxes.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

SUNDERLAND AND AMHERST DIVISION LINES 1841.

The line between the towns of Sunderland and Amherst was run June 14<sup>th</sup> 1841. A majority of the Selectmen of each town was present and is as follows viz. commencing at a stone at the South East corner of the town of Sunderland, run West 1<sup>c</sup> 45<sup>''</sup> South 219 rods to a stone which is the North West corner of the town of Amherst.

CHARLES COOLEY, Surveyor.

Town Meeting, November 8, 1841. For Representative.

Samuel C. Carter having received the required number of votes was declared to be elected.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the town of Amherst held on Monday the twenty seventh day of December A. D. 1841 Newton Fitch was appointed by said selectmen Town Clerk and Treasurer during the absence of S. C. Carter in pursuance of the statute in such cases made and provided.

Attest. NEWTON FITCH, Town Clerk, Pro Tem.

Town Meeting, March 7, 1842.

Voted and Chose S. C. Carter, Town Clerk.

Voted and chose S. C. Carter, Treasurer.

Voted. Simeon Clark, Alfred Baker and Enos Dickinson 1<sup>st</sup> selectmen.

Voted and made choice of Ezra Ingram, Ebenezer Williams and James Kellogg as Assessors.

Voted and chose Owen Johnson, Constable.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.



Town Meeting, November 14, 1842. For Representative.  
 Ezra Ingram had two hundred and forty seven votes.  
 Ezra Ingram having received the required number of votes was declared to be elected.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 19, 1842.

Voted. That Daniel Dickinson, Lucius Dickinson, and Oliver Watson be a committee, for to procure a place, in which future town meetings, can be held and are authorized to confer with the Committee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Parish in regard to their vestry, and also with other committees or individuals and report at the future meeting.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 6, 1843.

Voted and chose S. C. Carter Town Clerk.  
 Voted and chose S. C. Carter Treasurer.  
 Voted Ebenezer Williams, Eleazer Kellogg and F. A. Palmer, Selectmen.  
 Voted and chose James Kellogg, Ebenezer Williams and Ezra Ingram as Assessors.

Voted and chose Frederick A. Palmer, Constable.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 3, 1843.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to procure a place for to hold town meetings, made a report and it was

Voted, That Mr. Sweetser's Hall be procured for to hold town meetings on the terms offered by him.

Voted, To allow the first Parish fifteen dollars for the use of the vestry up to this time.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

[Held in Mr. Sweetzer's Hall.]

Town Meeting, June 5, 1843.

Voted That the town will renew their vote passed in 1833 in relation to the enclosing of the common north of the College Hill with the following amendment viz. Provided that the town may at any time, take the control and receive the income of the enclosure, by paying the expense which has been incurred and which remains unpaid. And also Provided, that the excess of the avails, if any, shall be appropriated to the support of the Engines.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 13, 1843. For Representative.

Timothy J. Gridley had two hundred and sixty seven votes, and was declared elected.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 4, 1844.

Voted and chose S. C. Carter, Town Clerk.

Voted and chose S. C. Carter, Treasurer.



Voted. F. A. Palmer, Salem Hammond and Ezra Ingram, Selectmen.

Voted and chose James Kellogg, Ezra Ingram and Enos Dickinson 1<sup>st</sup> as Assessors.

Voted and chose F. A. Palmer as Constable.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Report of the Selectmen on the new road from Jones Factory to North Parish meeting House, presented and accepted by the town Jan. 1, 1844.

We the undersigned Selectmen of the town of Amherst, having on the petition of Thomas Jones and others proceeded to locate a highway. The following are the minutes of said location. Beginning on the highway leading from the factory bridge, Northerly to Albert Balls, near a dwelling house, standing on the West side of said road and owned by Thomas Jones, thence running South 59½ West—62 rods and 20 links, 37 rods on land of Thomas Jones and 25 rods on land of Lyscum Spear,—thence West 3 North, 78 rods; 49 rods on land Wm. H. Smith and Eleazer Cows,—15 rods on land of Horace Cutler and Eleazer Cows, 14 rods of land of Jonathan Cows and Eleazer Cows. The above line is to be the North side of said highway and is to be three rods wide. We have appraised Eleazer Cows sixty five dollars damages and Lyscum Spear agreed to accept of twelve dollars and the others agreed to give their land and make the fences.

Amherst, Dec. 25, 1843

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| FREDERICK A. PALMER | } | Selectmen<br>of Amherst |
| EBENEZER WILLIAMS   |   |                         |
| ELEAZER KELLOGG     |   |                         |

A true copy of the Report.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

We the undersigned hereby certify that we were Selectmen of the town of Amherst for the year commencing March, 1843, that in the month of October of that year a petition signed by Thomas Jones and others was presented to us, praying us as Selectmen to lay out a town way, between the Factory village and the West Street near Jonathan Cows; that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of said November, we gave written notice of our intention, to lay out a town way, between the termini stated in said petition, to Thomas Jones, Lyscum Spear, William A. Smith, Eleazer Cows, Horace Cutler and Jonathan Cows, who were all and the only owners of land, across which, said way was proposed to be located, and on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the same November, we proceeded to locate the way, according to the report of the same, signed by us and dated Dec. 25, 1843, and accepted by the town on the first day of January, 1844 and recorded in the records of the town in April, 1844.

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| FREDERICK A. PALMER | } | Selectmen for the year ending on<br>the first of March, 1844. |
| ELEAZER KELLOGG     |   |                                                               |

A true copy of Certificate on file.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 11, 1844. For Representative.

Thomas Jones had two hundred and eighty seven votes and was declared elected.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 31, 1844.

Voted That the Selectmen in behalf of the inhabitants of the town of  
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Amherst, be instructed to petition the General Court to grant the petition of T. J. Gridley and others for a charter for a railroad from Hockanum in Hadley to Grout's in Montague.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase 200 ft. of hose for the Cataract Engine.

Voted To appropriate thirty dollars to furnish a Engine house in Mill Valley.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 3, 1845.

Voted and chose S. C. Carter Town Clerk.

Voted and chose S. C. Carter Town Treasurer.

Voted. Russell T. Wheelock, Lyman Gunn and Waitstill Dickinson, Selectmen.

Voted and chose James Kellogg, Daniel Dickinson and Simeon Clarke for Assessors.

Voted and chose Seth Nims as Constable.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

#### SOUTH HADLEY AND AMHERST.

Agreeable to the laws of the Commonwealth the Selectmen of So. Hadley sent a notice (said town being the most ancient) to the Selectmen of Amherst appointing Monday 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1845, for the purpose, to perambulate, run and renew the lines between said towns.

We, the subscribers, the Selectmen of So. Hadley and Amherst respectively met at the oak tree in the notch of the mountain close to the road; said tree being the corner between South Hadley and Granby and the line betwixt Amherst and the said towns, Daniel Paine Surveyer present.

Beginning at said tree and running north 42° West seventy eight rods to two walnut trees, which we marked and piled stones around; thence North 34° West twenty eight rods to a white pine tree, which we marked; thence N. 84° West forty two rods to a black oak tree the corner between Hadley and Amherst, and the line betwixt said towns and South Hadley.

South Hadley and Amherst line March 31, 1845.

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| LORENZO GAYLORD | } | Selectmen of South<br>Hadley. |
| IRA HYDE        |   |                               |
| R. T. WHELOCK   | } | Selectmen of<br>Amherst.      |
| LYMAN GUNN      |   |                               |

A true copy.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, May 7, 1845.

Voted. To accept the report of the Committee appointed to establish the line between the School Districts No. 4. and No. 5, which is as follows.

Commencing at an oak tree, standing in the corner of the road leading from Ephraim Cushman's to the West Street, thence running South 16° E. from said tree to the hill east of Mr. Alexander's house, passing North of Mr. Jones West factory and on the west side of said factory.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 10, 1845. For Representative.



Timothy J. Gridley had two hundred and fifty one votes and was declared Elected.

Attest. NEWTON FITCH, Town Clerk, pro tem.

Town Meeting, December 8, 1845.

Voted and Chose Newton Fitch Town Clerk to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of of S. C. Carter, Esq.

Attest. NEWTON FITCH, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 2, 1846.

Voted and Chose Newton Fitch, Town Clerk.

Voted and Chose Newton Fitch, Town Treasurer.

Voted and Chose Russell T. Wheelock, Lyman Gunn and Waitstill Dickinson, Selectmen.

Voted and Chose Simeon Clark, Daniel Dickinson and Frederick A. Palmer, Assessors.

Voted and Chose Isaac Gridley Constable.

Voted To raise the sum of Two Hundred dollars, to pay the expenses of setting out Shade and ornamental trees in the Center and North and South Burying grounds, that an equal sum be expended upon the south and north burying grounds and an amount equal to both, upon the Center one. \* \* \*

Attest. NEWTON FITCH, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 9, 1846. For Representative.

John Leland had one Hundred and ninety one votes and was declared elected.

Attest. NEWTON FITCH, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 30, 1846.

Voted That the Selectmen be required to publish the warrants for all the future Town Meetings in the *Hampshire and Franklin Express*.

Attest. NEWTON FITCH, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 1, 1847.

Voted and Chose Newton Fitch, Town Clerk.

Voted and Chose Newton Fitch, Town Treasurer.

Voted and Chose John Dickinson Jr., Ansel C. Marshall, Waitstill Dickinson, Selectmen.

Voted and Chose Frederick A. Palmer, Horace Kellogg, Ezra Ingram, Assessors.

Voted and Chose Isaac Gridley Constable.

Attest. NEWTON FITCH, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, August 30, 1847.

Voted to accept of the provisions made for this town in the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

Voted to choose an Elector of Trustee under said will.

Voted and chose Dr. Timothy J. Gridley, said Elector.

Attest. NEWTON FITCH, Town Clerk.



Town Meeting, November 8, 1847. For Representative.

Balloted twice, Alfred Baker had one hundred and fifty eight votes and was declared elected.

Attest. NEWTON FITCH, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 13, 1847.

Voted That a Committee of three be appointed to ascertain what amount of money would be necessary to purchase a suitable Engine and fire apparatus to be located at the north part of the town, and report at the next town meeting together with condition on which such engine etc. should be purchased and located.

Voted To appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for the repairs of Ladders and Carriage, etc. and that the same be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Attest. NEWTON FITCH, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 13, 1848.

James W. Boyden was chosen Town Clerk by Ballot, and upon counting votes cast for Town Treasurer, the same person was found to be chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Voted and chose R. T. Wheelock, Ansel C. Marshall, Waitstill Dickinson, Selectmen.

Ansel C. Marshall, Waitstill Dickinson and Frederick A. Palmer, Assessors.

Voted and Chose Isaac Gridley Constable.

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

LEVERETT AND AMHERST TOWN LINES, APRIL 22, 1848.

This certifies that we the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Amherst and Selectmen of the Town of Leverett, pursuant to a notice given by the Selectmen of s<sup>d</sup> Amherst, that being the most ancient town, met at the stone monument at the N. E. corner of said town for the purpose of perambulating and running the lines between said Towns, have attended that service, as follows.

Beginning at the stone monument, north of W<sup>m</sup>. Henry Smith's House at the north east corner of said Amherst, thence running west 1<sup>c</sup> 30' South 679 rods and 15 links to a stone monument at the South west corner of the Burying Ground, with stakes set in at intermediate distances of sixty rods each, and marked with the initials of the aforesaid towns, and, also, two chestnut trees, marked on opposite sides with initials of the aforesaid Towns about 220 west from the first mentioned monument.

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| R. T. WHELOCK     | } | Selectmen    |
| ANSEL C. MARSHALL |   | of Amherst.  |
| ASA L. FIELD      | } | Selectmen    |
| SILAS BALL        |   | of Leverett. |

A true copy of certificate.

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 13, 1848. For Representative.

Luke Sweetser had Two Hundred Fifteen votes, was declared elected.

Attest, JAMES W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.



## Town Meeting, March 5, 1849.

Voted and Chose by ballot James W. Boyden, Town Clerk.

Voted and Chose by ballot James W. Boyden Treasurer.

Voted and Chose by ballot, Ansel C. Marshall, Waitstill Dickinson, Willard M. Kellogg, Selectmen.

Voted and Chose by ballot, Frederic A. Palmer, Waitstill Dickinson, Marquis F. Dickinson, Assessors.

Voted and Chose Isaac Gridley, Constable.

Voted that in the opinion of the Town, the Smith Charity Funds should be taxed in and by the several beneficiary Towns, according to their respective population, forever.

Voted that Luke Sweetser, Esquire, be requested to present these votes to the General Court, now sitting at Boston, or to any Committee thereof, having the Subject of the Smith Charity under consideration.

Voted that the Selectmen petition the Legislature to authorize the line between Amherst and Hadley, or any part thereof, to be straightened.

Attest. JAMES W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting, June 23, 1849.

Voted That the Town purchase an Engine and Apparatus, to be stationed at North Amherst, at a cost not exceeding Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

Voted That the Report of the Selectmen in reference to a new Town Way, be accepted, placed on file and recorded, and that the Selectmen construct the road, on terms most favorable to the Town, if in their judgment, the public convenience requires its construction.

The following is a true copy of the Report, referred to in the above vote, and ordered to be recorded.

"We the subscribers, Selectmen of Amherst, have laid out for the use of the said Town, a Town Way, as follows:

"Beginning at a point on the Highway leading to East Street, near W<sup>m</sup>. Kellogg's store, and thence South about Fifty One rods, to a stake near the land of Phinehas Warner, and thence Westwardly about sixteen rods, intersecting the Highway, near the Brick Meeting House, leading to Hadley, said Town Way to be three rods wide.

"Which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded, is forever after to be known, as a public Town Way.

Dated at Amherst, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1849.

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| WILLARD M. KELLOGG  | } | Selectmen<br>of<br>Amherst. |
| WAITSTILL DICKINSON |   |                             |
| A. C. MARSHALL      |   |                             |

"The above Report was received at the Clerk's Office June 13<sup>th</sup> 1849, and placed on file.

Attest. JAMES W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk."

## Town Meeting, November 12, 1849. For Representative.

Waitstill Dickinson had Two Hundred and Forty Four Votes, was declared elected.

Attest. JAMES W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.





Town Meeting, December 3, 1849.

Voted that the Report of the Selectmen in relation to a new Town Way, commencing at a stake near the dwelling house of James and Henry Hastings and thence South fifty two rods to a stake near Oliver Watson's dwelling house, thence East about Five Rods intersecting with the road leading to Belchertown, be accepted and Recorded.

The following is a true copy of the Report, referred to, in the foregoing vote, and now on file.

"We the subscribers, Selectmen of Amherst, have laid out for the use of said Town, a Town Way, as follows:

"Beginning, at a stake near the dwelling house of James and Henry Hastings and thence South Fifty Two Rods to a stake near Oliver Watson's dwelling house, thence East about five rods intersecting with the road leading to Belchertown—said Town Way to be two rods wide.

"Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded, is forever after to be known as a public Town Way.

Dated at Amherst, November 22<sup>d</sup> 1849.

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| WILLARD M. KELLOGG  | } | Selectmen<br>of<br>Amherst. |
| WAITSTILL DICKINSON |   |                             |
| ANSEL C. MARSHALL   |   |                             |

"Rec<sup>d</sup> at the Clerk's office in Amherst, Nov. 22<sup>d</sup> 1849 and placed on file.

Attest. JAMES W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Voted to reconsider so much of the Vote passed at the last June Meeting, as relates to the acceptance of a new road as laid out by the Selectmen, from a stake near Phineas Warner's House, thence West to the Highway, near the Brick Meeting House.

Voted that the Report of the Selectmen, laying out a new Town Way, as follows, be accepted and recorded.

"We, the subscribers, Selectmen of Amherst, have laid out for the use of the Town a Town Way as follows: Beginning at a stake in the Town Way, leading from William Kellogg Jr's store, South thence from said stake South to a stake in front of Lucius Boltwood's House, thence West to the Highway, opposite A. M. Colton's house, or near there,—said Town Way to be three rods wide, which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded, is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Amherst, Nov. 22<sup>d</sup>, 1849."

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| WILLARD M. KELLOGG  | } | Selectmen<br>of<br>Amherst. |
| WAITSTILL DICKINSON |   |                             |
| ANSEL C. MARSHALL   |   |                             |

The above was received at the Clerk's Office in Amherst Nov. 22<sup>d</sup>, 1849 and filed.

Attest. JAMES W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 4, 1850.

Balloted and Chose James W. Boyden, Town Clerk.

Balloted and Chose James W. Boyden, Town Treasurer.

Balloted and Chose Alfred Baker, L. M. Hills, Simeon Clark, Truman Nutting, A. C. Marshall, Selectmen.



Balloted and Chose, Simeon Clark, F. A. Palmer, Marquis F. Dickinson, Assessors.

Voted and Chose, by nomination, Isaac Gridley Constable.

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Voted that it is the sense of this meeting that this town establish a High School. Yes 117, Nay 95.

Voted that it is the desire of the town that there should not be places kept open in the town where intoxicating liquors can be procured.

Voted that the town instruct the Selectmen to erect a Receiving Tomb of suitable size in the Centre Burying Ground for the free use of the town, and authorize them to appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to erect it.

Town Meeting, April 1, 1850.

Voted that the Report of the Committee on High Schools be recommitted to the Committee, with instructions to lay the same, together with the votes of the Town on the subject, before the several Districts for their acceptance; and when the Districts shall have assented thereto and notified the said Committee of such assent, and made provision for a place of keeping the School, within the several parts of the town, the said Committee in connection with the General School Committee, shall establish a School, as contemplated. And that the sum of Six Hundred Dollars be and hereby is appropriated to defray the expenses of such High School, or Schools, the present year.

Voted that the Fifth Article—"To see if the Town will take any measures to widen the road against Mrs. Sellons premises,"—be referred to the consideration of the Selectmen, to view the road and make such alterations, as they may think necessary.

Voted that the town accept the road, laid out by the Selectmen and described in their Report, and that the Selectmen be authorized to construct the same.

Report of the Selectmen laying out a Town Way, near Truman Nuttings, accepted by vote of the Town.

"We the subscribers, Selectmen of Amherst, have laid out for the use of the said town, a town way, as follows, Beginning at a stake and stones on the Bay road near Truman Nutting's House and running thence North twenty eight degrees east, on land of Z. W. Robbins, eighty six rods, to land of Wheaton Lovett, then continuing the same course through land of said Lovett three and half rods to a stake and stones on the Highway near said Lovett's House, the said road is two and half rods wide, and to lie on the easterly side of said course. And we have assessed the damages over which said way passes, as follows: to the said Z. W. Robbins, One Hundred and Forty Dollars and to the said Lovett the sum of eight dollars, to be paid by the said town of Amherst, before said road is opened.

Amherst, March 22<sup>d</sup>, 1850.

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| ALFRED BAKER   | } Selectmen of |
| SIMEON CLARK   |                |
| A. C. MARSHALL |                |
| L. M. HILLS    |                |
| Amherst.       |                |

Clerk's Office, Amherst, March 22<sup>d</sup>, 1850. The above was this day received and filed.

Attest. JAMES W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

September 1, 1850. Whole number of votes, 645. Number of polls not taxed or supported by the town, 15. Polls supported by the town 3, total Polls 663.



Town Meeting, November 11, 1850. For Representative.

William C. Fowler had two hundred thirty five votes. Necessary for a choice Two hundred fifteen. William C. Fowler has the requisite number and is chosen.

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 2<sup>d</sup>, 1850.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on High Schools: and that this Committee be requested to make further examination of the subject and report a plan for a High School, at the March Meeting:

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

#### ANNEXATION OF PART OF PELHAM.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst qualified to vote in Town Affairs, at Sweetser's Hall, on Monday, the twentieth day of January, A. D. 1851, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Alfred Baker was chosen Moderator.

Voted, that the Town of Amherst, as at present advised, will make no objections to the annexation of that portion of Pelham described in the Petition to the Legislature, now in session, of certain inhabitants of Pelham.

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 3, 1851.

Balloted and Chose James W. Boyden Town Treasurer.

Balloted and Chose Alfred Baker, Leonard M. Hills, Simeon Clark, A. C. Marshall, Truman Nutting, Selectman.

Voted and Chose by nomination, Isaac Gridley, Constable.

Voted That the Town establish a High School to be kept in three locations, according to the Report of the Committee, for a time, amounting in the whole to twelve months, in a year.

That in case the several Union Districts fail to provide a suitable place for the keeping of each school, as aforesaid, the General School Committee shall report the same to the Selectmen, in order that such place, or places, may be provided under their order, and the expense of providing such place be taken out of the money appropriated to said District.

That the sum of Eight hundred dollars be and hereby is raised and appropriated for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing plan, under the direction of the General School Committee, in the proportion recommended in the Report of the Committee.

Voted that the foregoing votes be carried into effect forthwith.

Voted That the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the subject of a new Town Hall, be received and filed.

Voted to accept the report of the committee on the discontinuance of the Billings lane so called.

Voted That it is the desire of the Town, that there should not be places kept open in the town, where intoxicating liquors can be procured. Nays 1 only.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized and instructed to take all reasonable and lawful measures to suppress the sale of intoxicating drinks and to prosecute all persons, whom they may know or suspect of selling intoxicating drinks, without license. Nays 1 only.

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.



Town Meeting, May 5, 1851.

Voted not to rescind so much of the vote of the town, passed March 3<sup>d</sup>, 1851, whereby a High School in three branches was established, as relates to the establishment of a High School in the South Union District: and not to instruct the Selectmen to divide their appropriation to the same, among the three South School Districts, in the same proportion and manner, as the money raised for District Schools is now divided.

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 10, 1851. For Representative.  
Oliver Watson had Three Hundred and Twenty Seven.

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 9, 1851.

Voted To allow the Amherst and Belchertown Railroad Corporation to construct their road across the Town Pauper Farm, without compensation for the land damage; also, to relieve said Corporation from any expense of fencing said road, within the limits of said farm, at the outset: and, that, if the South Parish wish for a Depot on said Farm, the Town will permit said Corporation, to occupy half an acre of said Farm, for such Depot.

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 1, 1852.

J. W. Boyden was chosen Town Treasurer.

Voted and Chose Ezra Ingram, Enos D. Williams and Albin P. Howe, Selectmen.

Voted and Chose F. A. Palmer, Salem Hammond, Baxter Eastman, Assessors.

Voted and Chose Isaac Gridley, Constable.

Voted That the Town authorise the Selectmen to sell the Cataract Engine, on the best terms they can: and that they appropriate the avails thereof, and the additional sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for the purchase of a new and powerful engine, provided that the balance of the purchase money be raised by subscription, within two years.

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 22, 1852. For Representative.

[There were three meetings held, Nov. 8, 9 and 22 before a choice was made.]

Moses B. Green had a majority and was chosen.

J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, January 3, 1853.

Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee to favor the location of a Highway, from a point near Joseph Adams and Sons' Saw Mill in North Hadley to a point in Amherst, in the road leading from the Center of Amherst to Sunderland, agreeably to the Petition of said Adamses and others, now pending before the County Commissioners.

Voted That the time for holding the Annual Meeting, shall hereafter be the First Monday in April.

J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.





## Town Meeting, April 4, 1853.

A. P. Howe was Chosen Town Clerk.

A. P. Howe was Chosen Town Treasurer.

Voted and Chose Josiah Ayres, Ezra Ingram and E. D. Williams, Selectmen.

Voted and Chose Daniel Paine, Charles Adams and Baxter Eastman, Assessors.

A. P. HOWE, Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting, May 2, 1853.

Voted and Chose Edward Dickinson, Henry A. Bridgman, Enos Dickinson, Daniel Dickinson, Lyman Gunn, L. M. Hills, Daniel Converse and Oliver Dickinson, a Committee to procure suitable places for the high schools for the present year, and also further consider the subject of building one or three Houses, also procure plans of buildings, with estimates of their cost and not to exceed when completed, including the land, three thousand dollars, and report to a future meeting. Dec. 5, 1853, Voted on motion of Daniel Dickinson to lay the above report on the table.

A. P. HOWE, Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting, November 14, 1853. For Representative.

I. F. Conkey had a Majority and was Chosen.

Attest.

A. P. HOWE, Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting, February 27, 1854.

Hon. Edward Dickinson submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, as the sense of the Town of Amherst, that, as at present advised, and in the present state of the proceedings before the Legislature on the petition of the town of Pelham for leave to surrender its Charter, and to be annexed to the adjoining towns, we are opposed to the surrender of its Charter, and to the annexation of any portion of its territory to the town of Amherst.

On Motion of Horace Kellogg the yeas and nays were ordered on the above resolution. Each voters name was then called and two hundred and fifty two votes answered to their names,—as follows: One hundred sixty eight yeas, Eighty four Nays.

Attest.

A. P. HOWE, Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting, April 3, 1854.

J. W. Boyden was chosen Town Clerk.

J. W. Boyden was chosen Town Treasurer.

Balloted and chose Edward A. Stanley, Austin Eastman and Enos D. Williams, Selectmen.

Balloted and chose Russell T. Wheelock, Daniel Dickinson and A. P. Howe, Assessors.

Balloted and Chose M. N. Spear and S. W. Whitney, Constables.

Voted To establish High Schools in four locations, to be called North, East, West and South High Schools in manner following viz:

The *North* to embrace the present school districts Nos. 4 and 5.

The *East* to embrace the present school district No. 2.

The *West* to embrace the present school districts No. 1 and 7.

The *South* to embrace school districts No. 3, 6 and 8.



Voted That money raised for the support of High Schools be divided between the several High Schools, by the same rule that money raised for the support of Primary Schools is divided, and be applied to the support of a school in the respective High School Districts, provided the districts composing the High School district shall provide a suitable place, where the School can be kept and notify the General School Committee thereof by the first of August next. And if any High School District shall fail to provide a place where the school can be kept, as aforesaid, then the money assigned to the District or Districts, neglecting to provide a place as afore said, shall be applied to the support and maintenance of a school in those districts, where provision has been made for keeping the school, in the same proportion as at first divided.

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 13, 1854. For Representative.  
Benjamin F. Smith had a majority and is chosen.

Attest. J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 4, 1854.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to lay out a rode in the Centre Burying Ground according to the plan presented by them, in conformity with Baxter Eastman's survey, and to remove bodies so far as may be necessary.

Voted that this town is in favor of building a Town Hall and that a committee of five be appointed to prepare and report plans and estimates of the expense and a suitable locality at an adjourned meeting.

[The above committee made an elaborate report at a meeting held Jan. 1, 1855, when the whole subject was dismissed by 130 yes, 120 nays. On Feb. 23, 1855 it was voted to postpone indefinitely the subject of a town hall.]

Town Meeting, February 23, 1855.

Voted That after the present year the time of holding the annual meeting be changed from the first Monday in April to the first Monday in March.

J. W. BOYDEN, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, April 2, 1855.

Balloted and Chose A. P. Howe, Town Treasurer.

Balloted and Chose Josiah Ayres, Austin Eastman, William Dickinson, James Hastings and Robert Cutler, Selectmen.

Balloted and Chose George W. Hobart, M. F. Dickinson and Flavel Gaylord, Assessors.

Balloted and Chose M. N. Spear, Saml Warner and Henry Clark, Constables.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to rent the common on commencement days.

Attest. A. P. HOWE, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, June 28, 1855.

Voted that the town accept the act of the Legislature in relation to "Sidewalks and the control of the same."

A. P. HOWE, Town Clerk.



Town Meeting, November 6, 1855. For Representative.

Baxter Eastman had two hundred thirty Eight votes.

Attest. A. P. HOWE, Town Clerk.

Amherst, July 27, 1855.

On petition of Horace Smith and others in relation to a side walk from the Post office North to the house of F. A. Pierce, we establish said walk, to be three feet outside of the trees in front of D. S. Field's, Cook, H. Staith, Cutler's, and Hallock's to the Needham place so called, thence to the north line of F. A. Pierce to be Seven feet wide.

On Petition of J. W. Boyden and others in relation to a sidewalk from the Post office South, we Establish Said Walk to extend three feet outside of the trees in front of Post office, Sweetser's store, Fowler's, Smith's extending south to the College Library—and

On Petition of I. F. Conkey and others in relation to a side walk commencing at Mack's store, so called, running East to Sweetser's line said walk to extend three feet outside of the trees in front of Phenix Row and the American House, so called, thence East to Sweetser's land, thence to the Cross Road near the Depot to be twelve feet wide, thence East to Hill's Store to be Eight feet wide.

We the undersigned Selectmen of Amherst do Establish the above Sidewalks.

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|----------------|----------------------------|
| JOSIAH AYRES   | } Selectmen<br>of Amherst. |
| JAMES HASTINGS |                            |
| WM. DICKINSON  |                            |
| AUSTIN EASTMAN |                            |

A true Copy.

Attest. A. P. HOWE, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 3, 1856.

Balloted and chose J. M. Emerson, Esq., Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Balloted and chose John R. Cushman, M. Adams Allen, Bela U. Dickinson, Daniel Converse, Ezra Ingram, Selectmen.

Balloted and chose, Frederick A. Palmer, George W. Hobart, James E. Merrick, Assessors.

Balloted and chose, M. N. Spear, Sam'l N. Warren, Henry Clark, Constable.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to rent the Common on Commencement-day.

Attest. J. M. EMERSON, Town Clerk.

Town Representative, November 4, 1856.

Enos D. Williams having a plurality was elected.

Attest. A. P. HOWE, Town Clerk Pro Tem.

Town Meeting, December 8, 1856.

Voted That the town assent to such change in the south line of the land occupied by the pound as will make it a continuation of the line as the fence now runs, from the North East corner of Edward Dickinson's Barn Shed, to the South East corner of the pound land, on the road leading by J. P. Gray's house; and that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to make conveyence to said Dickinson of the triangular piece of land lying South of said line containing half a square rod, more or less—(120 ft.) upon such terms as may be agreed on by them and the said Dickinson.

Attest. A. P. HOWE, Town Clerk Pro. Tem.



Annual Meeting, March 2, 1857.

Balloted and chose S. C. Carter, Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Balloted and chose Baxter Eastman, R. T. Wheelock and David Pomroy, Selectmen.

Balloted and chose F. A. Palmer, Willard M. Kellogg and Salem Hammond, Assessors.

Balloted and chose M. N. Spear, S. M. Warren and Henry Clark, Constables.

Voted That the Town will allow the Hampshire Agricultural Society to use the Common for the purpose of Cattle Show on the days of their Annual Fair, and also the use of the highway so far as will not interfere with public travel.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Representative, November 3, 1857.

George Warner had two hundred and thirty eight votes.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 3, 1857. Held at Agricultural Hall.

Voted That the town grant to the "Amherst Ornamental Tree Association" the use and control of the public common in the center of the town, subject to the approval of the Selectmen of the town.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, December 24, 1857, held at Agricultural Hall.

On the Amherst and Belchertown Railroad. James W. Boyden was chosen Moderator.

A motion "that the town petition the Legislature, at its coming session, in connection with the town of Belchertown, for leave to afford material aid to the Amherst and Belchertown Rail Road Company, for any sum for the town of Amherst; not exceeding sixteen thousand dollars, to enable said company to keep their road in operation; the Company paying the expenses attending the petition," was discussed and rejected by a Vote of 138 nays and 86 yeas.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 1, 1858. Agricultural Hall.

S. C. Carter was chosen Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Voted and chose R. T. Wheelock, Alfred Baker and Austin Eastman, Selectmen.

Voted and chose F. A. Palmer, Ebenezer P. Spear, James E. Merrick, Assessors.

Voted and chose M. N. Spear, Marquis F. Dickinson, Henry A. Howe, Constables.

Voted that Treasurer be appointed Collector of taxes and that he allow a discount of ten per cent on all taxes voluntarily paid to him on or before the first of September next and of five per cent on all taxes voluntarily paid him between the first day of September and the first day of January next, and he make no farther discount, and that the Collector receive seventy five dollars for his services.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Representative, November 2, 1858.

Lorenzo S. Nash had two hundred and twenty-three votes.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.





Town Meeting, December 6, 1858. Agricultural Hall.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to contract for a place, for holding town Meetings, for the term of five years.

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to procure a place for confining disorderly persons, at a reasonable expense.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 7, 1859. Agricultural Hall.

Samuel C. Carter was chosen Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

Voted and chose Ezra Ingram, Willard M. Kellogg and Daniel Converse as Selectmen.

Voted and chose Asa Adams, A. P. Howe and Daniel Paine as Assessors.

Voted and chose M. N. Spear, Henry A. Howe and Marquis F. Dickinson, for Constables.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Representative to the General Court, November 8, 1859.

Josiah Ayres had two hundred and sixty seven votes.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 5, 1860. Agricultural Hall.

S. C. Carter was chosen Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Voted and chose Ezra Ingram, Daniel Converse and Bela U. Dickinson as Selectmen.

Voted and chose Albin P. Howe, Ebenezer P. Spear and James E. Merrick as Assessors.

Voted and chose Henry A. Howe, M. N. Spear and A. R. Cushman as Constables.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Adjourned Town Meeting, March 26, 1860.

The Committee on High and Grammar Schools made their Report and it was Voted to accept the same.

Voted To adopt the Committees Report by Sections.

Voted To adopt Section first as follows, "That one High School be established in some central location where it will accommodate the greatest number of persons and also one Grammar School, each to be kept 10 months in each year, and that two Grammar schools be established, one at North Amherst and the other at South Amherst to be kept six months in each year, Fall and Winter terms.

Voted. To adopt Section second as follows, "That three union districts be formed for the above contemplated schools, one in the centre of the town composed of districts No. 1, 2 and 7, one at North Amherst composed of districts No. 4 and 5 and one at South Amherst composed of districts No. 3, 6 and 8; the scholars of the North and South union districts having the privilege of going to the High School at any time if properly qualified, and to the Centre grammar school whenever their schools are not in session.

Voted, That the same committee make a report at an adjourned meeting, on locations, plans of buildings, an estimates, of land and School houses.

Voted To adjourn to Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at two o'clock P. M.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.



## Town Meeting, Continued, April 10, 1860.

Met according to adjournment April 10, 1860. at two o'clock P. M. I. F. Conkey as Moderator, called the meeting to order, when the Committee appointed at the last meeting made a report and the following votes were passed, viz.

Voted That a committee of five be appointed by the chair, to purchase lands, select locations, secure proposals and erect buildings, for the schools, voted by the town; in the most economical manner, at an expense not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and that the Selectmen of the town are hereby directed to issue from time to time (as the said committee may need for the same), orders of the town, for such sums, not exceeding five hundred dollars on each, as shall not exceed in the whole \$10,000, said orders payable, one in each year for the twenty years following, with interest annually.

Voted That M. B. Green, J. R. Cushman, L. M. Hills, H. B. Prince and A. P. Howe constitute that Committee.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## High School Building Meeting, held at Agricultural Hall, June 15, 1860.

Voted That the sum of Two Thousand Dollars in addition to the sum already appropriated be now appropriated, to enable the Committee to fulfil the contract, already made, by them, and that the committee erect a building, after such plan as they shall approve, for the High and Grammar schools in the centre of the town, provided, that the whole expense of finishing, and furnishing the house and grounds and lands shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars, and that the Selectmen are hereby directed to issue new bonds for the additional two thousand dollars payable five hundred a year in 21, 22, 23 and 24 years with interest annually from the first day of September next.

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized to purchase or rent and fit up a building for the Engine and Hook and Ladder companies at a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## Representative, Hampshire District No. 5, November 7, 1860.

Marcus C. Grout of Pelham had three hundred and thirty votes in Amherst.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting, March 4, 1861, at Agricultural Hall.

Samuel C. Carter was chosen Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Voted and chose Ezra Ingram, Eleazer Kellogg and Harlan L. Pomeroy as Selectmen.

Voted and chose Frederick A. Palmer, James E. Merrick and George W. Hobart as Assessors.

Voted and chose Henry A. Howe, A. R. Cushman and Enos Baker as Constables.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting, May 1, 1861, for the Military. Agricultural Hall.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars for the following purposes, to wit.

In case any of our citizens shall enlist into the military service, and shall actually be called out and mustered into the service of the United States Govern-



ment, the Selectmen may apply any portion of such money, which they may think necessary for to provide an outfit and for the support or the comfort of such soldiers while actually engaged in such service and such sums as may be thought proper and necessary for the support of their families in their absence, so long as they continue in the Public Service.

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized at their discretion, to expend a portion of the above sum in paying expenses of the Soldiers, for drilling, etc. before called in to actual service.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, May 23, 1861. Agricultural Hall.

Voted To instruct the Selectmen to reimburse the town of Belchertown for what they have expended for soldiers belonging to this town.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to pay the families of the volunteers in the Army the amount contemplated by the law now before the Legislature.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to borrow money to pay town debts, and the Assessors be instructed not to assess the \$4,500 voted in March 11 for Town Debts.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Soldiers Meeting, Sept. 23, 1861. Agricultural Hall.

Voted and chose Ezra Ingram, John Cushman, Henry F. Hills, R. B. Bridgman and Jairus Skinner to act as a Committee to ascertain the wants of the Volunteers from this town in the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia and supply them by voluntary subscriptions.

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to pay to the families of Volunteers the amount not exceeding twelve dollars per month, according to the tenor of the law.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Statistics of the Town of Amherst in 1861 by Assessors.

Polls 757. No.-of Houses 534, Horses 510, Cows 832, Sheep 1,122 Acres of Land 16,090, Valuation Personal Property \$585,348.00, Real Estate \$1,079,750.00, Total \$1,665,098.00.

Representative to the General Court.

John R. Cushman had two hundred and forty six votes.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 3, 1862. Agricultural Hall.

Samuel C. Carter was chosen Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Voted and chose Ezra Ingram, Eleazer Kellogg and Daniel Converse as Selectmen.

Voted and chose Frederick A. Palmer, A. P. Howe and George W. Hobart, Assessors.

Voted and chose Henry A. Howe, Enos Baker, and Ephraim Cushman Jr. as Constables.

Voted That the Treasurer act as Collector of Taxes, \* \* \* and that he be allowed one per cent on all tax collections for his services.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.



## Town Meeting. July 21, 1862. For Soldiers.

George Cutler was chosen Clerk pro tempore.

Voted. That the town offer and pay to each volunteer from this town, called for under the General order of the Governor, No. 26, One Hundred Dollars to be paid to him or his order upon being mustered into the service of the U. States provided such enlistment shall be made within twenty days from this date.

Voted. That the Selectmen be instructed to pay to any person who is a foreigner and enlists to fill up the quota from Amherst, and is mustered into the U. States service the bounty offered to citizens who volunteer.

Voted. That the Selectmen be requested to borrow upon town orders the money necessary to pay the bounty this day voted.

Voted. That it is the wish of this town, that the volunteers of this town, associate with the volunteers from Hadley, Hatfield, Leverett, Pelham, Sunderland and Granby in forming a company.

Voted. That the town express their thanks to Mr. William Stearns for the generous assistance which he has offered to all volunteers from Amherst.

GEORGE CUTLER, Town Clerk Pro Tem.

## Town Meeting on Soldiers' Bounty, August 25, 1862. Agricultural Hall.

Voted. That the Town offer and pay to each volunteer from this "town, under the last call of the Government for 300,000 men for the Military service of the United States," One hundred dollars to be paid to him or his order upon his being mustered into the service aforesaid. Provided however that the whole number required from this town shall be enlisted on or before the first day of September next.

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized to borrow upon Town orders the money necessary to pay the bounty this day voted.

The enlisting Committee reported that 43 persons had been examined and enlisted and seventeen more were ready for examination.

Voted. That the thanks of the town be presented to the enlisting committee for their energy and promptness.

Voted. That the first names on the enlisting rolls shall have the first preference to go into the army.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting on Soldiers' Bounty, October 11, 1862.

Voted. That the Selectmen of Amherst be authorized to borrow the money and pay one hundred dollars bounty, to each of those who have enlisted and have been or may be mustered into the U. S. Service, from this town, under the last call for 300,000 nine months men.

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized to make an arrangement, with any other town or city, for our surplus of enlisted men which they may think for the interest of the town, reserving to the town, the benefit of such surplus men in a future call of the Government.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## Representative to the General Court, November 4, 1862.

Samuel Smith Jr. of Granby, had three hundred and eleven votes.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.





## Town Meeting, December 30, 1862.

Voted To refer the subject of the Draft and the quota of 29 men to the Selectmen, to investigate the subject act according to their discretion and if necessary call another town meeting.

Voted To authorize the Selectmen to act upon the supplies to our Soldiers, as they think it will require and if necessary act in concert with other towns in appointing an agent.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## Town Meeting, March 2, 1863.

Samuel C. Carter was chosen Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Voted and chose Ezra Ingram, Eleazer Kellogg and Daniel Converse as Selectmen.

Voted and chose Albin P. Howe, Ebenezer P. Spear and Enos D. Williams as Assessors.

Voted and chose Henry A. Howe, A. R. Cushman and Noah Dickinson as Constables.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized and directed to issue town bonds to the amount of eleven hundred dollars, payable five hundred dollars a year and at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent per annum payable semi-annually if required.

Voted. Not to abolish the School Districts.

Voted. To raise and allow the Clerk and Treasurer one hundred dollars for the past year's services and one hundred dollars for the present year.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## On Bounties and Town Way by High School, June 29, 1863.

Voted That the Treasurer of the town, notify the State Treasurer, that the town desires to be credited with the amount paid for bounties to Soldiers and to be charged with the amount of her proportion, and in case the charges exceeds the credits the Selectmen are authorized to borrow and liquidate the same.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to build the road by the High School House South to G. Cutler's road if it will not exceed five hundred dollars, and also to borrow the money to pay the same and if it cannot be substantial done for that sum, to report at a future meeting what will be the actual expense and cost.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## Representative to the General Court, November 3, 1863.

William S. Clark had two hundred and eighteen votes.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## Meeting on School House Road, November 18, 1863.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to build the road forthwith.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## Meeting, December 9, 1863. On Enlistment of Soldiers.

Voted That the town appoint an Agent to represent them, before the Legislative Committee on the Petition of the Trustees of Amherst Academy.



Voted by ballot and chose I. F. Conkey as their Agent.

Voted and chose I. F. Conkey, Enos F. Cook and Edward Dickinson to act with the Selectmen as a committee to make a bargain with Mr. Marsh or any other person to aid in filling our quota.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Meeting, January 25, 1864, on the Agricultural College.

Voted That the town appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars as a donation to the State Agricultural College, provided the same shall be located in this town.

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to offer the Trustees of the State Agricultural College the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, provided they will locate the College within this town.

Voted That the Selectmen be a committee of the town instructed to forthwith petition the present Legislature for leave to raise said sum of Fifty thousand dollars and donate the same to the State Agricultural College, said sum to be raised either by an issue of bonds or by direct taxation, as the Town shall hereafter determine.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 7, 1864. Agricultural Hall.

Samuel C. Carter was chosen Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

Voted and Chose Ezra Ingram, Daniel Converse and Avery R. Cushman as Selectmen.

Voted and Chose F. A. Palmer, Guy C. Munsell and Asa Adams as Assessors.

Voted and Chose Noah Dickinson, George A. Whipple and Enos Baker as Constables.

Voted To abolish the School Districts of this town.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, May 24, 1864. Soldiers and School Houses.

Voted That the town raise by tax in the next annual assessment and appropriate two thousand Dollars to refund the sums paid by individuals of the town to the volunteer fund, raised under the call of Oct. 17, 1863 and that any excess there may be, shall be paid into the Town Treasury. Yeas 60. Nays 43.

Voted To raise and appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars to be paid to Edwin H. Pierce who has re-enlisted for this town.

Voted That the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars be assessed at the next annual assessment and appropriated for the purpose of procuring ten men to fill the deficiency in the quota of the town.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to expend the Twelve Hundred and fifty dollars with the State Bounty, to fill our present quota.

Voted That sixty two hundred and fifty dollars be raised for the purpose of raising fifty men to apply on the quota of this town under future calls during the year ending March 1, 1865.

Voted and chose by nomination one from each School District, \* \* \* to appraise the School House Lands and property belonging to the various School Districts.



Voted That the town appoint Oliver Watson and twenty other petitioners as a committee to carry out their views in regard to the fencing and ornamenting the Common in East Street.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, July 22, 1864. Agricultural College.

The Selectmen made a verbal report on the subscription for the Agricultural College, which report was accepted by vote.

Prof. W. S. Clark offered some resolutions which after discussion, was voted to be laid upon the table.

Voted That the Moderator appoint a Committee of three persons to report the time and places of holding District Meetings for the purpose of raising contributions for the Agricultural College.

L. M. Hills, L. Sweetser and A. Dutton were appointed the Committee who subsequently reported to hold the meetings as follows viz.

North Amherst Hall on Monday evening at 7½ o'clock.

South Amherst Vestry on Tuesday evening at 7½ o'clock.

East Amherst Vestry on Wednesday evening at 7½ o'clock.

Voted to accept the Report.

Voted That the Selectmen give public notice of these meetings by having printed handbills circulated, and that the resolutions offered by Prof. Clark be read at each meeting, and public Speakers be provided.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Adjourned Town Meeting, July 28, 1864.

Col. Wm. S. Clark made a verbal report on the progress made by the committee since last meeting, and submitted the following resolves viz.

*Whereas* at a town meeting held January 25, 1864, it was voted to appropriate as a donation to the Massachusetts Agricultural College the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, and the Selectmen were instructed to offer the same, to the Trustees of said College, on condition it be located in Amherst, and

*Whereas* by a unanimous vote the said Trustees have decided to locate in Amherst, provided the sum of seventy five thousand dollars be secured to them, for the erection of buildings, and the sum of \$25,000 has been offered the town provided the additional Fifty thousand dollars be raised by subscription or otherwise, and

*Whereas* it is believed the valuation of the town will be greatly increased by the establishment of said College, within its limits and that a large majority of the tax payers prefer, that the entire amount of Fifty Thousand be assessed upon their property in annual instalments, for a series of years, rather than to pay the same at once by subscription, therefore,

Voted That a Committee of two be appointed, for each school district to circulate the following pledge, among the tax payers of the town for their signatures.

"We the Undersigned tax payers of Amherst desiring that the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars be paid by the town to the Massachusetts Agricultural College, to secure its location in Amherst, and being willing to pay our proportion of said sum, provided the town issue bonds for the amount extending through a series of years, hereby solemnly promise that our influence and votes shall be given in favor of all efforts, to obtain from the Legislature of the Commonwealth authority



to raise said sum by taxation in the town of Amherst; and we do further promise that if the money required to secure the location of the College in town be subscribed so that the Trustees actually locate here, we will in good faith use all our influence to have the Town assume the entire sum of Fifty Thousand dollars, and refund to all subscribers the amount which they may have paid for the above named object, as well, as to pay the sums, which they may have subscribed but not paid.

Voted That the above named Committee solicit subscriptions from every tax payer in their respective districts, for the full amount of his or her assessment and return the books to the Chairman of the Selectmen on Saturday the 30 instant."

Voted To accept the first resolve above.

Voted To accept the second resolve.

Voted That the Moderator appoint a Committee of three to nominate District Committees.

The Moderator appointed Wm. A. Dickinson, Simeon Clark and E. D. Williams as a nominating Committee.

The committee reported the following as District Committees, viz. No. 1, L. Sweetser and G. A. Whipple. No. 2, Henry Hills and J. T. Westcott. No. 3, E. P. Pomroy and R. B. Bridgman. No. 4, G. W. Hobart and Asa Adams. No. 5, Harrison Ingram and A. C. Marshall. No. 6, E. D. Williams and Orin Johnson. No. 7, F. Gaylord and S. Clark. No. 8, H. Pomroy and Chas. F. Hayward.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

#### Adjourned Meeting, August 1, 1864.

The committee reported that 428 names had been obtained to the Pledge and that the subscription amounted to \$25,802.90.

On motion of Mr. Hills it was

Voted That a new subscription in addition to what has already been subscribed be now opened and subscriptions received.

Between nine and ten thousand dollars was immediately subscribed when it was

Voted That the District Committees should circulate the books and receive additional subscriptions to-morrow.

Voted That Mr. G. Burnham, E. Lovett and Edmund Hobart take the place of Mr. Hills, Mr. Westcott and Mr. Marshall on the committee and that Mr. Charles Adams be added to Dist. No. one.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

#### Representative for Hampshire District No. 5, November 8, 1864.

Wm. S. Clark had five hundred and fifteen votes.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

#### Town Meeting, November 19, 1864.

Voted That the town assume the payment of the \$1250, as now in the State Treasury, deposited there by the Military Committee, and advise the said Committee not to withdraw it at present.

Voted To accept and adopt the Report of the Committee on the valuation of the District School Houses.





Voted That the Selectmen be a committee of the town and instructed to petition the Legislature for leave to raise the sum of fifty thousand dollars and donate the same to the State Agricultural College, said sum to be raised either by an issue of bonds or by direct taxation as the town shall hereafter determine.

Voted That our Representative be requested to see that every effort is made to carry through the Legislature an Act for the above petition and that the Selectmen may employ help to further the object.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Soldiers Meeting, December 13, 1864.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to pay One hundred and twenty five dollars for each volunteer, that shall enlist on the quota of this town, under any call of the President of the United States before March 1, 1865.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 6, 1865.

Samuel C. Carter was chosen Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Voted and chose Ezra Ingram, Eleazer Kellogg and Porter Dickinson as Selectmen.

Voted and chose F. A. Palmer, E. D. Williams and Hiram C. Howard as Assessors.

Voted and chose George A. Whipple, Noah Dickinson and John C. White as Constables.

Voted To authorize the School Committee to employ a Superintendent at a salary not exceeding six Hundred Dollars.

Voted To raise and appropriate Ten Hundred and forty dollars for Military Bonds.

Voted To raise and appropriate Ten Thousand and seven hundred and fifty dollars for military expenses for Bounties and for refunding for 1865.

Voted To authorize the Assessors to assess Nine thousand six hundred and fifty four dollars the valuation of the school houses, and all monies raised this day, by a tax on the Polls and estates and property of each individual liable to taxation and likewise add the towns proportion of state and county Taxes, and that they add ten per cent to the whole amount except the School Houses tax of \$9,654, which they are to remit to each tax payer his proportion.

Voted To authorize the Selectmen to sell the Pound and land to L. Sweetzer for \$100 for the land.

Attest.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Agricultural College Meeting, May 15, 1865.

Voted That when the vote is taken, it be taken by Yeas or Nays and that each man's answer be checked on the check list.

Voted That the Town avail itself of the authority granted, by an Act of the Legislature Approved May 5, 1865, entitled "An Act to authorize the Town of Amherst to raise Fifty Thousand dollars for the Massachusetts Agricultural College" and the same is hereby raised and appropriated for that purpose. Yeas 359. Nays 104; two-third vote 368.

Voted That the Town authorize and direct its Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow on the Credit of the Town by the issue of its bonds, Fifty Thousand



dollars and that the same be appropriated and paid to the Massachusetts Agricultural College out of the Treasury of the town, and applied in the erection of suitable buildings upon the farm of such College in said town.

Voted That said Bonds date on the fifteenth day of May, 1865, and be on interest thereafter at a rate, not exceeding six per cent per annum, which interest shall be payable semi-annually.

Voted That the interest only shall be paid on said Bonds; for five years from this date; and that at the end of each year after said five years, Two thousand dollars of the Principal of said Bonds, shall be paid, and the time of payment of each bond so issued, shall be expressed thereon. Said principal and interest to be paid out of the Town Treasury.

Voted That the Assessors, for the time being, be directed, to assess upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants of the town, all sums necessary to pay the interest and principal of said bonds as the same become due, agreeable to the foregoing vote, and that the town cause to be collected and paid out to the holders of such bonds the amount of principal and interest thereon, according to the tenor thereof.

Voted That three men be appointed by the Moderator to advise with the Selectmen as to the issue and sale of said Bonds.

Voted To accept the Committee nominated by the Moderator, viz. Edward Dickinson, L. M. Hills and Avery R. Cushman.

Voted That the thanks of the town be presented to Col. Wm. S. Clark for his efforts in procuring the passage of this Act.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

#### Census of Amherst, taken May 1, 1865.

|                                            |      |
|--------------------------------------------|------|
| No of inhabitants,                         | 3413 |
| Houses,                                    | 645  |
| Families,                                  | 749  |
| Churches,                                  | 7    |
| School Houses,                             | 11   |
| Males,                                     | 1585 |
| Females,                                   | 1828 |
| No. of children,                           | 635  |
| Polls,                                     | 914  |
| Legal Voters,                              | 728  |
| Naturalized Voters,                        | 23   |
| Colored Persons,                           | 91   |
| Persons over 20 not able to read or write, | 64   |
| Widowers,                                  | 37   |
| Widows,                                    | 141  |
| Males over 30 unmarried,                   | 38   |
| Females over 30 unmarried,                 | 110  |
| Persons over 80 years,                     | 19   |
| Persons between 70 and 80,                 | 90   |

Representative for Hampshire District No. 5, November 7, 1865.

John Jones of Pelham had two hundred and twenty four votes.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.



## Town Meeting, November 7, 1865.

Voted That the Treasurer pay John D. and Nelson Ball one hundred and twenty five each a military bounty due them for re-enlisting on this towns quota.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to procure five hundred feet of Hose for the Engine, and that one thousand dollars be appropriated therefor.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to sell and convey the Town Farm and exchange or buy a small farm.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## Adjourned Meeting, April 22, 1867. Amherst Academy.

The Committee (previously appointed) reported that the Trustees of Academy had voted "That we are ready to sell the real estate belonging to the academy and to appropriate the income of the avails of the same towards the support of a Classical Department in the Town High School under the direction of the said Trustees, and hereby offer the said real estate to the town (reserving six feet across the south side of it) for the sum of Five thousand dollars.

Voted That the town accept the proposition of the Trustees of Amherst Academy on the terms they have proposed.

Voted. That the General School committee be authorized to sell the old School House and Lot and convey the same and to purchase the Academy property for the town; and to erect at the earliest possible time a new School House sufficient to accommodate all the schools of the old centre district upon said Academy lot.

Attest. S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk.



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